



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
January 9, 2024
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An ordinance proposing an election to determine amendments 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 Andrews, discussed the ordinance and his reasons for proposing the item.

No Public Comment



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III. PRAYER: Kip Andrews

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

V. ELECTION – ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

- **President for 2024**

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to reelect Kip Andrews for another term as President.

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

- **Vice President of City Council for 2024**

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

Votes: Councilman DiVittorio (N), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y) Councilman Wells (N), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion Approved 3-2

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2023 Meeting.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the minutes of December 12, 2023.

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

VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Final Adoption 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 Andrews)

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that it should be a 2/3 vote of the council to remove, requiring 4 votes.

Councilman Wells, stated he received calls and had conversations with his constituents and thinks the council should be able to remove a chief since the Mayor has not done anything.

Councilman Leon, stated his constituents thinks it's a bad idea.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated there needs to be accountability.

Mayor Panepinto, stated there is no reason to remove the chief and he thinks he is doing a good job.

Councilman Andrews, stated this is not about firing anyone, this would go before the people and they will decide.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated this is for the people to vote.

No Public Comment

There was a motion by **Councilman Wells** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to adopt 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.

VOTE: Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (N), Councilman Leon (N), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Motion Approved 3-2

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. 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. (Mayor Panepinto)

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to amend the 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 change the zoning from RM-2 to RS-5 (District 4). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission.

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

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to introduce the ordinance as amended, 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 RS-5, (District 4)

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

Public Hearing – January 23, 2024

IX. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to approve Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux located at 305 C M Fagan Dr, Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Geaux Eat - Hammond LLC. (Mayor Pete Panepinto)

Mayor, stated this was an ownership change and has met all requirements.

Jose St. Romaine, the owner was present to answer questions.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to approve Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux located at 305 C M Fagan Dr, Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Geaux Eat - Hammond LLC

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

2. A resolution to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Micon Services, Inc. to repair the 2nd roundabout (located south of I-12) for total amount of \$31,875.00. (Mayor Pete Panepinto)

Mayor, explained the item.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about collecting from the person who caused the damage.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about insurance.

Councilman Wells, asked if they could change the look, instead of bricks and concrete to use plants to avoid future wrecks.

Mayor, stated he would look into it and follow-up.

There was a motion by **Councilman DiVittorio** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Micon Services, Inc. to repair the 2nd roundabout (located south of I-12) for total amount of \$31,875.00.

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

Mayor: Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council:

Councilman Andrews: reminded everyone of the Martin Luther King Holiday and the event in the park.

Councilman Leon wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Councilman Andrews and Councilwoman Gonzales. He stated that he prays that the council would treat everyone with respect.

Councilman Wells asked about the election and the charter change item being place on the ballot.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, explained the process and the earliest the item could be on a ballot. He stated he would reach out to the Secretary of State's office and the Bond Commission.

Councilman Wells asked about the video regarding the Lionel Jackson arrest being made public. He stated the public need to know what is going on. The video would let the public know there is nothing to hide and letting them know what is taking place.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney stated that there is a criminal case and an investigation is ongoing. It is not public record yet.

Councilman Wells, stated he wants to work with everyone and District three have a lot of issues. He invited Mr. Charlie up to speak on the homeless shelter.

Mr. Charli Ciorlino, 4254 E. I 55 Service Road stated he is a business owner and a concerned about the homeless shelter being proposed next to his business. He wants the city to look into so that it will not become a problem.

Councilman DiVittorio, talked about the importance of a moratorium being in placed. He asked about the property and stated that it was important for the council to know about the project.

Mayor Panepinto, explained what he knew about the plan. He explained that there was a meeting on January 19th to discuss their plans. He stated no permits have been requested or issued and council is invited to attend the meeting.

Councilman Wells, stated Ms. Jackson came to his house and talked about it and that is when the moratorium was in place. He stated it slipped through the cracks, but the package they gave him looks like they got it all together. He stated they need to let the community know what is going on.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the zoning.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney stated if an application comes in and meets all the rules and requirements it will be difficult to deny them.

Councilman Wells, called up someone from the audience to speak on this matter.

Gary Recotta, state he owns the business next to the property and he is angry about the proposed shelter and doesn't understand how the city administration and council doesn't have any information about it. He is vehemently opposed to the shelter.

Councilman Andrews, stated the Wilbert Dangerfield Awards will be coming up at the end of February. He stated the first meeting in February falls on Fat Tuesday and city will be closed, they need to decide whether they are going to cancel or reschedule for another date. He also asked councilmember about an appointee to oversee the Wilbert Dangerfield Awards. City Council members all agreed that he should continue to oversee the event.

X. ADJOURN

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

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III. PUBLIC HEARING:

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Lacy Landrum recommended item to be tabled due to incorrect advertisement. Tabled until February 7, 2024.



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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 January 9, 2024 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of January 9, 2024.

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 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 RS-5 (District 4). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission. (Lacy Landrum)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to table the until February 7, 2024, 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 RS-5 (District 4). Recommended approval by the Zoning Commission.

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. Introduction of and ordinance to amend the UDC regarding the definition of "Group Living."

Councilwoman Gonzales, explained that homeless shelters are not defined and the UDC needs to be cleaned up. She requested that Planning and Zoning review and give a recommendation.

Councilman DiVittorio, thinks there should be more time to make sure they have the language right.

City Attorney Andre Coudrain stated he reviewed the document.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance to amend the UDC regarding the definition of “Group Living” and send to Planning and Zoning for a recommendation.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman Divittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Absent) Devon Wells (Absent). Motion Approved 3-0

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to authorize the Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunriser Rotary Club to sell, serve, or otherwise handle alcohol (beer only) on Saturday February 3, 2024 from 10:00am until 3:00pm for the Chili Cook-off within the downtown parking lots on the west side of the railroad tracks and bounded by Coleman Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Morris Avenue, and the railroad tracks.

Joseph Dominick, was present to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunriser Rotary Club to sell, serve, or otherwise handle alcohol (beer only) on Saturday February 3, 2024 from 10:00am until 3:00pm for the Chili Cook-off within the downtown parking lots on the west side of the railroad tracks and bounded by Coleman Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Morris Avenue, and the railroad tracks.

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

2. A resolution to authorize the Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunriser Rotary Club to receive a waiver of open container on Saturday February 3, 2024 from 10:00am until 3:00pm for the Chili Cook-off within the downtown parking lots on the west side of the railroad tracks and bounded by Coleman Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Morris Avenue, and the railroad tracks.

Joseph Dominick, same as previous resolution.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunriser Rotary Club to receive a waiver of open container on Saturday February 3, 2024 from 10:00am until 3:00pm for the Chili Cook-off within the downtown parking lots on the west side of the railroad tracks and bounded by Coleman Avenue, Railroad Avenue, Morris Avenue, and the railroad tracks.

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 enter into an amendment of the rail spur lease with Graham Packaging to extend the term for an additional three years.

Lacy Landrum, stated the terms are the same from the previous years.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the Mayor to enter into an amendment of the rail spur lease with Graham Packaging to extend the term for an additional three years.

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 an amendment of the rail spur lease with Home Depot to extend the term for an additional three years. (Lacy Landrum)

Lacy Landrum, stated the terms are the same from the previous years, \$129,860 has been collected annually.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the Mayor to enter into an amendment of the rail spur lease with Home Depot to extend the term for an additional three years.

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

5. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with Student Organization for Aeronautic Robotic Research, Inc, a non-profit corporation (“SOARR”) for the use of approximately fifteen acres on C.M Fagan Dr.

Chris Fox, explained the SOARR Program and its affiliates and partnerships.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if she should abstain from the vote since her husband was a donor to the organization.

City Attorney Andre Coudrain, stated she did not have to abstain because she or an immediate family member is not receiving anything of benefit.

Mayor Panepinto stated to Mr. Fox that he was proud of his organization and the work that he is doing.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the Mayor to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with Student Organization for Aeronautic Robotic Research, Inc, a non-profit corporation (“SOARR”) for the use of approximately fifteen acres on C.M Fagan Drive.

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

6. A resolution 1) accepting a \$12,817 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, explained the grant.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** 1) accepting a \$12,817 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 (Y), Councilman Wells (absent) 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.

Lacy Landrum, explained the grant.

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** 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 (Y), Councilman Wells (absent) Motion Approved 4-0

8. A resolution to approve a request by W.D.G. Estates for a variance from the moratorium ordinance (Originally adopted as ordinance #22-5668 and extended by ordinance #23-5723) to allow for six units instead of four units at 300 South Oak Street.

Lacy Landrum, explained the variance request

Councilman DiVittorio asked about the planning and zoning vote.

Lacy Landrum, explained the variance request and stated this was the first time they have had a request of a variance from the moratorium ordinance. She stated three of the Planning and Zoning Commission members voted to deny and two members of the commission were absent.

Jacob Williams, owner, 211 S. Cypress St, explained his desire to build an additional two units in addition to the 4 that is allowed.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to grant the variance request by W.D.G. Estates for a variance from the moratorium ordinance (Originally adopted as ordinance #22-5668 and extended by ordinance #23-5723) to allow for six units instead of four units at 300 South Oak Street.

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

Mayor: No Report

Council: Councilman Andrews, asked about Industrial Park Rd being restriped and a light on N.A. James being out.

IX. ADJOURN

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

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III. PUBLIC HEARING:

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Lacy Landrum, explained the ordinance and the time line of the request.

No Public Comment



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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 January 23, 2024 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2024 meeting.

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

VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

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Councilman DiVittorio, thanked everyone involved for their patience during the process.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt 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 RS-5. (District 4)

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 authorize the Hammond BBQ, Inc. to sell, serve, or otherwise handle 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 21, 2024 ; 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, March 22, 2024; and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday March 23, 2024

Brian Shirey, 900 W. Colorado St., explained the nonprofit event.

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

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Brian Shirey- same as the previous

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

3. A resolution to approve Portside Seafood & Grill located at 1750 W. Thomas St. Suite I Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Portside Seafood & Grill, LLC.

Lacy Landrum, stated this was a new restaurant in the place of the old Coop Deville Wings, same owner and request to sell beer only.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve Portside Seafood & Grill located at 1750 W. Thomas St. Suite I Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Portside Seafood & Grill, LLC.

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

4. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of an application for \$1.6 million to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to purchase a new ladder truck for the Hammond Fire Department (HFD); and 2) supporting a cash match of \$145,455 to come from the HFD's millage fund.

Lacy Landrum, stated this is the application stage and they are asking council permission to submit this grant and the one that follows. She explained the grant.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve 1) supporting the submission of an application for \$1.6 million to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to purchase a new ladder truck for the Hammond Fire Department (HFD); and 2) supporting a cash match of \$145,455 to come from the HFD's millage fund.

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

5. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of an application for \$320,000 to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to purchase new turnout gear and gear washers and dryers for the Hammond Fire Department (HFD); and 2) supporting a cash match of \$29,091 to come from the HFD's millage fund.

Lacy Landrum, stated like the previous one this is an application only, it would come back before the council to approve the contract if the grant is awarded. She explained the grant and gear washers and dryers.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to approve a resolution; 1) supporting the submission of an application for \$320,000 to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to purchase new turnout gear and gear washers and dryers for the Hammond Fire Department (HFD); and 2) supporting a cash match of \$29,091 to come from the HFD's millage fund.

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

6. A resolution to reappoint Ken Ross to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five year term ending September 30, 2028

Lacy Landrum, stated he is a current member and is willing to continue to serve.

Ken Ross, stated that the airport is a passion of his and he is happy to serve. He stated the airport is on the right course.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to reappoint Ken Ross to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five year term ending September 30, 2028.

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

VIII. REPORTS:

Mayor: Lacy Landrum, stated the received sales tax from December shopping and it was above the budget, which came in around \$2.7 million.

Council: Councilman Andrews, stated the city offices closed on Tuesday for Mardi Gras and to keep Councilman Wells in prayer due to the loss of his aunt.

IX. ADJOURN:

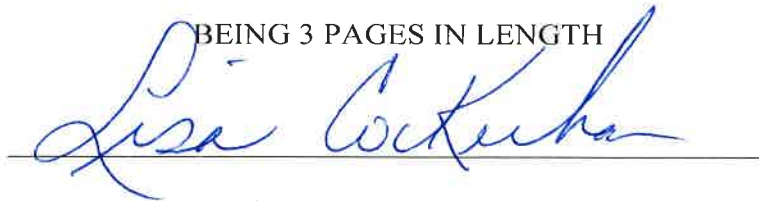
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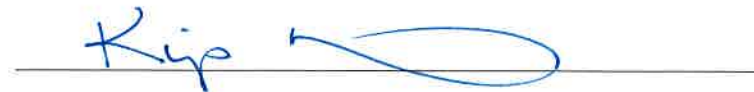
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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
February 27, 2024
5:30pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Kip Andrews
 - II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Andrews (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Wells (Absent), Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman DiVittorio (P)
 - 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 27, 2024
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Kip Andrews
- II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Andrews (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Wells (P), Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman DiVittorio (P)
- III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2024 meeting.
Vote: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Motion Approved 5-0

VI. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

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

Attorney Andre Coudrain stated this was off Baurle Road, the inspections has been completed and include parts along with the generator and manufactures warranty on parts.

Councilman Wells asked that he be provided information on all the work that developers and the city has done on the lift station. He asked if he could get it a week before the next meeting.

Attorney Andre Coudrain, stated that he would make that request.

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

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

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2. Introduction of an ordinance to abandon to the donor the well lot and oxidation pond in Whitmar Acres and the sewer processing plant on North Oak Street donated to the city of Hammond as no longer needed for a public purpose in accordance with the terms of the donation.

City Attorney Andre Coudrain, requested to table this item because, additional investigation and reports are needed from the DEQ and EPA. He stated that there still needs to be further investigation.

Councilwoman Gonzales asked if he could explain the item for some people in the audience.

City Attorney Andre Coudrain, explained the item.

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilman Wells** to table an introduction of an ordinance to abandon to the donor the well lot and oxidation pond in Whitmar Acres and the sewer processing plant on North Oak Street donated to the city of Hammond as no longer needed for a public purpose in accordance with the terms of the donation.

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

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

Lacy Landrum, explained the request is in District one and they would like to install a laundromat at that location. The commission voted unanimously to approve.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING March 12, 2024

4. Introduction 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.

Lacy Landrum, explained that the ordinance was a recommendation by Planning and Zoning adopt the change to pass on fee.

Councilman Wells, asked about software that they previously approved in the budget.

Lacy Landrum, explained the process and work flow with the software company.

Councilman Wells, asked for an update on a time frame, price and fees.

Lacy Landrum, stated she would provide the pricing tomorrow. She stated these are not new fees or an increase to fee this is passing on the clerk of court fees and advertising fees.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the other fees.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Wells** to introduce 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: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Motion Approved 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING March 12, 2024

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to designate Tuesday, March 19, 2024 as Main Street Day in conjunction with Louisiana Main Street celebrating the 40th anniversary of Louisiana Main Street and Hammond's Main Street program maintained by the Hammond Downtown Development District and Hammond Historic District.

Michelle Kendall Director, Downtown Development District, explained the event.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to designate Tuesday, March 19, 2024 as Main Street Day in conjunction with Louisiana Main Street celebrating the 40th anniversary of Louisiana Main Street and Hammond's Main Street program maintained by the Hammond Downtown Development District and Hammond Historic District.

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

2. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Choctaw Construction Services for railroad track repairs in the amount of \$59,270.00 (RFP 24-21)

Lacy Landrum, Director of Administration, explained the resolution and inspection report. She stated four bids were received. Choctaw Construction Services was the lowest bid of \$59,270 and it is within the railroad repair, within the streets department budget.

Councilman Wells about an area of track near the grain elevator that is in need of urgent repair.

Councilman Andrews, stated he has been asking about the repair of that area since his first term and it still hasn't been taken care of. The area is terrible

Lacy Landrum, stated she would speak to someone at the railroad about that area and would add it to the list as an urgent request.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to authorize the mayor to enter into contract with Choctaw Construction Services for railroad track repairs in the amount of \$59,270.00 (RFP 24-21)

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

3. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Change Order, totaling \$163,200, with Hendrick Construction, Inc. for "Rehabilitate Runway 18/36" (City Project 22401) at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport. FAA, which is funding 90% of project costs, has approved the Change Order and green-lit work to proceed. DOTD, which is funding 10% of project costs, is processing the Change Order now.

Lacy Landrum, Director of Administration, explained the resolution. She stated this is within budget and is paid by the FAA and DOTD. The changes that are needed are still below the original contract cost and there is no charge to the city.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the Mayor to execute a Change Order, totaling \$163,200, with Hendrick Construction, Inc. for "Rehabilitate Runway 18/36" (City Project 22401) at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport. FAA, which is funding 90% of project costs, has approved the Change Order and green-lit work to proceed. DOTD, which is funding 10% of project costs, is processing the Change Order now.

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

4. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a revised application for \$413,400 to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to purchase new turnout gear and gear washers for the Hammond Fire Department (HFD); and 2) supporting a cash match of \$37,582 to come from the HFD's millage fund.

Lacy Landrum, Director of Administration, stated that this was approved at the last meeting to purchase seventy four sets of gear and four gear washers. The increase will come from fire millage.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio 1) supporting the submission of a revised application for \$413,400 to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to purchase new turnout gear and gear washers for the Hammond Fire Department (HFD); and 2) supporting a cash match of \$37,582 to come from the HFD's millage fund.

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

5. A resolution ratifying quotes and awarding the contract for "Windows and Façade Renovations at the Levy Building" (Project 12328) to Staub Window Restorations in the amount of \$33,300.

Lacy Landrum, Director of Administration, stated they were working with Hammond Historic District on the changes to the building. She explained the process and the need to preserve and restore.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon ratifying quotes and awarding the contract for "Windows and Façade Renovations at the Levy Building" (Project 12328) to Staub Window Restorations in the amount of \$33,300. (Lacy Landrum)

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 Planet in the Park event, hosted by We Didn't Planet Clothing Co., held on Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 10:00am - 5:00pm. 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 Leon 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 Clothing Co., held on Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 10:00am - 5:00pm. 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 (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

7. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container law to Benny's Place during the Planet in the Park event, hosted by We Didn't Planet Clothing Co., held on Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 10:00am - 5:00pm. The event will take place at Cate Square Park, 200 West Charles Street.

Alec Griffith, same as previous.

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

VIII. REPORTS:

Mayor:

LHSSA has been in Hammond for Soccer and basketball, they will finish up on Saturday.

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about lights on I-55 on the Westside, the lights or out. He met with the state and was told the city has the contract to maintain them.

Mayor Panepinto said he will follow-up with the state tomorrow. He also asked about street light, **Mayor**, stated he will follow-up.

Councilman DiVittorio, he also asked about street light,

Mayor stated he will follow-up.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated there was still a problem with shopping cart in the neighborhoods as well as abandoned cars and Joey has been doing a good job but he wanted to check to see if they have a plan.

Councilman Wells asked about several street lights being out in the district: Mooney Ave & Phoenix Square, Mooney Ave & Coleman St, Washington Ave & Green Street, Mary Alley all lights need to be checked. 114 Marilyn St light is out. All of the lights that are out are on the corners. On the Northside Coleman St and JW Davis the tie downs need to be repaired, 605 Washington Ave, there are holes in the servitude, 1005 Magnolia Street are having sewer issues when it rain, 103 ½ White St are having sewer issues. 212 White St has an abandon house that needs to be taken care of; He asked Lacy about the conversation they have been having about naming the street after Willie Grant

Lacy Landrum, gave an update on re-naming the street.

Councilman Wells, thanked the city and light company for cutting tree limbs down in district three as well as the administration for cutting trees in Mooney Park.

Councilman Andrews, asked for a follow-up on the stripping of Industrial Park Road and he stated code enforcement needs to take care of a house on Moran Street with serious issues.

Councilman Wells, thanked the Wilbert Dangerfield Committee and congratulated Mr. Dunn & Ms. Joycelyn Lee the award recipients.

IX. ADJOURN

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. 5-0 to adjourn

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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. Lacy Landrum**, Director of Administration, explained the ordinance.



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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 Zemurly 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

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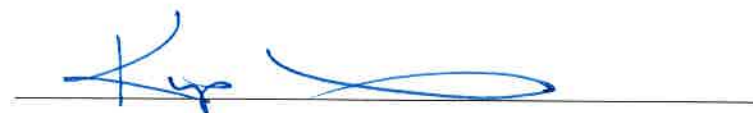
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I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Brennan Black, explained the proposed amendment.

No Public Comments



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
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March 26, 2024**

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

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 March 12, 2024 Meeting

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024 meeting.

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

VI. PRESENTATION: Karen Wallsten – Housing Enhancement Committee Chair, gave the council and update on the work they have been doing and upcoming events. She talked about two focus areas; 1) educating the public on housing services, programs, property titles and succession issues. 2) Development of affordable home ownership, abandon and blighted properties. They are looking at local nonprofits housing groups to assist and obtain funding.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated he appreciates the work of the committee and thanked the committee.

Councilman Andrews, thanked the committee for their hard work.

VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AND ORDINANCE

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

Brennan Black, reiterated what he stated previously.

Debra McQueen, 1002 Magazine St, asked what the ordinance was proposing.

Dr. Lacy Landrum, explained the ordinance and this would bring the city into alignment with the state laws and it is up to a vote of the people.

Councilman Andrews, stated it should be decided by the people.

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

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

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

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

Dr. Lacy Landrum, explained the introduction and reviewed the list of items to be sold.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the items listed below to sell on Govdeal.com.

1. MODEL# CME506AS-1D ICE MAKER
2. MODEL# CME506AS-1D ICE MAKER – NO BOTTOM
3. MODEL# 583810-11D SCOTSMAN ICE MAKER
4. SCOTSMAN ICE MAKER
5. MODEL 6720LV 5525 UT 2008 JD TRACTOR WITH CUTTER
6. MODEL L2225 2010 KUBOTA TRACTOR WITH WOODS FINISH MOWER
7. 4 - CYLINDER DIESEL WANKESHA ENGINE
8. 6 - CYLINDER DIESEL WANKESHA ENGINE WITH DIESEL TANK
9. DODGE GEAR REDUCTION BOX PART#248280
10. HONDA CONCRETE SAW
11. 3” WB30XT PUMP (IN PIECES)
12. 2” WB20XT PUMP
13. 3” SAND PIPE OR PUMP
14. NUMEROUS (6 -55 GALLON DRUM FULL) BRASS WATER METERS
15. SCRAP IRON UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF FIRE HYDRANTS, METER BOXES, BROKE CI PIPES, REPAIR COUPLINGS, VALVES, SEWER RISER RINGS
16. 2005 JD UTV 4X4
17. 14 SETS METAL CLOTHING LOCKERS
18. UNIT 975 2013 FORD EXPLORER
19. UNIT 845 2011 CHEVY TAHOE
20. UNIT 977 2012 CHEVY TAHOE
21. UNIT 566 2004 HME 1871-P2 PUMPER FIRE TRUCK

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

PUBLIC HEARING April 9, 2024

IX. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, to vote upon the adoption of amendments to the current City of Hammond Home Rule Charter, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Brennan Black, Foley & Judell L.L.P., stated this sets out the proposition and application for the State Board Commission and will be on the ballot for the November 5, 2024 election.

City Attorney Andre Coudrain, stated this covers both items that will be on the November 5th presidential election ballot.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, to vote upon the adoption of amendments to the current City of Hammond Home Rule Charter, making application to the State Bond Commission, 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

X. REPORTS:

Mayor: stated they had a successful BBQ, Fire and Police of Year award and successful Easter Egg Hunt and Tractor Pull and told everyone to enjoy the Easter Holiday.

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio stated the Easter Egg Hunt in the park was a success.

Councilman Andrews, invited everyone out to the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday in Martin Luther King Park at 11 am and wished everyone a Happy Easter.

XI. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second Councilman Andrews to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. Motion Approved 4-0

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 TRANSACTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD MARCH 26,

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PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
April 9, 2024
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Lacy Landrum, Director Of Administration, explained the ordinance and the items that were for sale. **Councilman Andrews**, asked what happens to the items that doesn't sell.

Lacy Landrum stated they make several attempts to sell items and if they don't sell they are discarded.

No Public Comments



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I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

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 March 26, 2024 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of March 26, 2024.

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

VI. PRESENTATION:

Michelle Treswig, Kushner Lagraize CPA & Consultants stated that the audit was completed and submitted to the legislative auditor. She stated they have reviewed it and it has been issued, approved and is on the Legislative Auditor's website. She gave an overview of the type of report they issued and presented a summary of the results for the City of Hammond.

Michelle Kendall – Downtown Develop District Director, gave update on what the Downtown Development District has done and been doing. She also discussed the plans for Hammond Main Street 40th Anniversary which is scheduled for Wednesday May 22, 2024 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm, Railroad Park, 106 NW Railroad Ave.

VII. 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.

1. MODEL# CME506AS-1D ICE MAKER

2. MODEL# CME506AS-1D ICE MAKER – NO BOTTOM

3. MODEL# 583810-11D SCOTSMAN ICE MAKER

4. SCOTSMAN ICE MAKER
5. MODEL 6720LV 5525 UT 2008 JD TRACTOR WITH CUTTER
6. MODEL L2225 2010 KUBOTA TRACTOR WITH WOODS FINISH MOWER
7. 4 - CYLINDER DIESEL WANKESHA ENGINE
8. 6 - CYLINDER DIESEL WANKESHA ENGINE WITH DIESEL TANK
9. DODGE GEAR REDUCTION BOX PART#248280
10. HONDA CONCRETE SAW
11. 3" WB30XT PUMP (IN PIECES)
12. 2" WB20XT PUMP
13. 3" SAND PIPE OR PUMP
14. NUMEROUS (6 -55 GALLON DRUM FULL) BRASS WATER METERS
15. SCRAP IRON UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF FIRE HYDRANTS, METER BOXES, BROKE CI PIPES, REPAIR COUPLINGS, VALVES, SEWER RISER RINGS
16. 2005 JD UTV 4X4
17. 14 SETS METAL CLOTHING LOCKERS
18. UNIT 975 2013 FORD EXPLORER
19. UNIT 845 2011 CHEVY TAHOE
20. UNIT 977 2012 CHEVY TAHOE
21. UNIT 566 2004 HME 1871-P2 PUMPER FIRE TRUCK

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

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

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to hold the State Fire Marshal harmless from claims when the Hammond Fire Prevention Bureau carries out monitoring inspection functions in lieu of the State Fire Marshal, as required by LSA RS 40:1563.

Lacy Landrum, Director of Administration, stated that was a housekeeping item and explained the item. She stated that this will bring the City of Hammond into alignment with the state law so that we will have this resolution on file.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to adopt a resolution assuming responsibility and liability for inspections conducted by City of Hammond Fire Prevention Bureau as provided by law.

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

2. A resolution to ratify and award bids received 04/04/2024 for "Mooney RCB Crossing W2-L2D"--project no. 420-12405.

Lacy Landrum explained the items attachments and the bid process. They are asking that the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Warner Construction in the amount of \$464,763.00.

Councilwoman Gonzales asked to be reminded of what this item was.

Lacy Landrum stated that this was a part of the canal crossings in District 3.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to approve a resolution to Ratify and award bids received 04/04/2024 for "Mooney RCB Crossing W2-L2D"--project no. 420-12405.

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

3. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Master Services Agreement with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company for "Engineering Services at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport."

Lacy Landrum explained the handout of the scores of proposals they received. She stated they go through this process every three to five years in selecting dedicated engineers to handle all the airport project. This is a specialized request for qualifications that are required by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Louisiana DOTD aviation office. They received five proposals and Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company scored the highest and met the qualifications. This doesn't have a monetary value associated with this item. This is just approving them to be the engineers that work on the projects. This will be the engineer of record for the airport projects.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Master Services Agreement with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company for "Engineering Services at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport."

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

4. A resolution approving the purchase of portable radios from L3Harris Technologies in the amount of \$31,743.30 under State Contract 4400028992. This purchase will be made with funds from the City's FY22 and FY23 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants (Projects 22404 and 22403 respectively), specifically awarded for the purchase of portable radios.

Lacy Landrum explained the attached quotes. The City Council has already approved the awarding of two of these grant. The radios are under state contract and is within budget.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales

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

5. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$350,000 grant application to the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program for lift station upgrades; There is NO match requirement. (Lacy Landrum) **Lacy Landrum**, Director of Administration, stated that a correction was needed and that there is a cash match of \$116,667 or 25%. She explained the grant and the match requirement and that they are using the grant match fund.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews approving a resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$350,000 grant application to the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program for lift station upgrades, 2) and supporting a cash match of \$116,667.

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

X. REPORTS:

Mayor: He asked everyone to be weather aware and to be safe.

Council: Councilman Andrews, reiterated weather awareness and safety.

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. 4-0 to adjourn

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
April 23, 2024
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: President Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
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April 23, 2024
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER : President Kip Andrews

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

III. PRAYER: Pastor Lawrence Hart

Councilman Wells enters the meeting

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2024 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of April 9, 2024.

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

VI. PRESENTATION: Ryan Barker- Chappapeela Sports Park, provided information on the renewal tax up for vote this Saturday April 27, 2024

Councilman Wells, asked about bus service from District 3 to the park.

Ryan Barker, said he would look into it.

VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AND ORDINANCE: NONE

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to renew insurance coverage for the City of Hammond for the period of May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025. (Don Stiel)

Don Stiel, Stiel Insurance Group,

Don Stiel, provided information on insurance coverage. He explained the commercial package and all that included as well as commercial property. He recommends LWCC workers comp option, take out the SIR which the city is currently on, get rid of the workers comp bond and go with the recommended package; automobile, airport liability, blanket bond, equipment floater and the commercial property as well as the LWCC worker compensation fully insured plan.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to accept the recommendation, authorizing the Mayor to renew insurance coverage for the City of Hammond for the period of May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025

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

2. A resolution authorizing Tacos & Beer to sell and serve alcohol for a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Sunday, May 5, 2024, from 2:00pm to 9:00pm in the Morrison Alley Park behind the restaurant and between Cypress and Cherry Streets.

Jose Valencia, explained the event.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon authorizing Tacos & Beer to sell and serve alcohol for a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Sunday, May 5, 2024, from 2:00pm to 9:00pm in the Morrison Alley Park behind the restaurant and between Cypress and Cherry Streets.

Vote: Kip Andrews (N), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion approve 4-1

3. A resolution authorizing Tacos & Beer to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Sunday, May 5, 2024, from 2:00pm to 9:00pm in the Morrison Alley Park behind the restaurant and between Cypress and Cherry Streets.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon authorizing Tacos & Beer to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Sunday, May 5, 2024, from 2:00pm to 9:00pm in the Morrison Alley Park behind the restaurant and between Cypress and Cherry Streets.

Vote: Kip Andrews (N), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion approve 4-1

4. A resolution for the Street Department to purchase a regenerative air street sweeper for \$320,000.00 RFP 24-23

Lacy Landrum, explained the bid tabulations and delivery time and recommends accepting the bid of Covington Sales & Service for \$320,000 and stated this was within the budget.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Highway 190 w, asked how often it would be used and he doesn't see a need for it.

Councilman Leon stated that he gets calls about street sweeping in his area and they discussed it during the budget and put it in the budget.

Mayor stated they will clean Highway 190 and Southwest Railroad, and all areas.

Sal Nicolosi stated he was concerned about who would be operating the sweeper. He doesn't think we need a sweeper in the City of Hammond. He asked his councilman to say no.

Councilman DiVittorio, thinks it should be leased out and it costs a lot of money.

Councilman Wells asked how many times they needed the street sweeper last year.

Lacy Landrum, stated the sweepers are always used after parades and this year they had a difficult time finding street sweepers because of the number of parades. They are also used for spring cleaning and cleanest city. She stated this is a multifunctioning machine.

Councilman Wells asked why they waited so long to purchase.

Lacy Landrum stated they had to do research to make sure it had the kind of features they were looking for and availability

Councilman Wells. Asked about the number of operators, training and use. He also asked about the type of warranty.

Sal Nicolosi asked about training the staff to use the sweeper.

Mayor, explained the training and use.

Tracy Wells, 610 Mooney Ave, stated she doesn't agree with the purchase and that the money could be better used somewhere else. She had a concern about the warranty, training and service.

Lacy Landrum, highlighted and explained the warranty

Councilman Wells, asked if they could get an extended warranty.

Councilman Wells asked for an extended warranty on the equipment.

Mayor, contacted the company. The extended warranty for the manufacturer's defects is changed for two years instead of one at no cost. They retrain and train as needed, warranty on hydraulic systems is five years, motor that handles vacuum and suction tube for the catch basins is two years.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the Street Department to purchase a regenerative air street sweeper for \$320,000.00 from Covington Sales & Service RFP 24-23

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

5. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of an application of up to \$10,000 to the Healthy Communities Grant Program to purchase trash can liners and cleanup supplies to reduce litter in Hammond and 2) supporting a 15% in-kind match in volunteer hours.

Lacy Landrum, explained that this was an annual grant that they normally apply for. There is a 15% in-kind match for service time and this is achieved through clean up day. Fund will be used for trash can liners and clean-up supplies.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Highway 190 west, asked about trash liners in his area.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to approve a resolution 1) supporting the submission of an application of up to \$10,000 to the Healthy Communities Grant Program to purchase trash can liners and cleanup supplies to reduce litter in Hammond and 2) supporting a 15% in-kind match in volunteer hours.

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

X. Appeal by Guys 1, LLC from a decision by the Historic District Commission

Barry Sartin Jr. representing the owners of Guys 1 LLC., stated that he was appealing the denial by the Hammond Historic District. He explained Guy's position and their understanding of the Historic District guidelines and he thinks the decision to deny Guys 1 LLC was arbitrary.

Nick Musso an architect gave his opinion of the application based on his expertise.

Heather Diebold, Hammond Historic District Coordinator, explained the Hammond Historic District Guidelines and that they mirror the guidelines from the Secretary of the Interior and those are what was applied to the application that was presented. She stated the application did not meet the requirements of the Hammond Historic District Commission and that is why the application was denied.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about a COA (Certificate of Appropriateness) from the Downtown Development District.

Heather Diebold, stated yes the COA was from the Downtown Development District Design Commission. It expired in October of 2022. No permits were issued, there was an application for a permit but the permits were never paid for or issued. The COA expired and no construction took place.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked to confirm the applicant has never received a COA from the Historic District.

Heather Diebold, stated that was correct.

Barry Sartin, stated the Hammond Historic Commission is making an arbitrary decision on subjective rules and making a decision based on their whims.

Councilwoman Gonzales, explained that the commissions decisions are not arbitrary and they have the training in the historic guidelines so the council should defer to their fact finding.

Nick Musso, stated the building significance is mostly cultural and it's not an architectural marvel.

Heather Diebold, stated she provided a letter from SHIPO which is the State Historic Preservation Office who addressed the structural importance of the building. It is the only triangular-shaped building in the City of Hammond, it and the other buildings around it are lowrise. She stated they are not trying to keep the building out of commerce. She explained that they have followed the guidelines and explained the commission's position.

Sal Nicolosi, asked that they be a little more lenient and a little flexible.

Chris Diebold, asked where do you draw the line on historic buildings.

Tanya Turner, 211 Kansas St, stated the building has historic character and a cultural significance.

There was a motion by **Councilman DiVittorio** and second by **Councilman Wells** to grant the appeal applied for and issue the certificate of appropriateness for the application as applied for.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (N), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (N), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Leon (N) Motion failed 2-3 and the appeal is denied.

XI. REPORTS:

Mayor: Stated there are some important votes coming up on Saturday for tax renewals which is important and to please vote. Mayor stated there is a recycling day on May 8 from 8-12 and a fishing rodeo, Saturday from 10am to 12pm at Zemurly Park.

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, called up Mr. Spiller to discuss the curve and lighting along Old Baton Rouge Highway. Would like to see more markings on the street and lights.

Mr. Spiller, expressed his concerns regarding the Chavin and Old Baton Rouge Highway and no marking to indicate where the road narrows. He also stated there is no lighting and he's concerned about the sharp turn and believes the guard rails would help. He would like to see something done.

Councilman DiVittorio, ask if they could get this addressed

Mayor, explained that the intersection coming into Old Baton Rouge Hwy does have markers with arrows, he stated that the lighting has been an issue and they are dealing with it, and they will put markers on the center line.

Councilman Wells, thanked Hammond Fire Department for saving a building.

Gail Varnado Hart, was speaking on behalf of her 92 year old mother. She spoke regarding a shooting in front of her mother's home. She would like something to be done about the area. She stated they should not have to live in fear. She ask the city for parking signs on both sides of the park on Live Oak and Mooney. She stated that there is no protection from her mother's house, from Scanlan St to her mother's house. Her mother should not have to live in fear, there has been several shootings and people are running behind her house. This is causing them to be fearful and afraid to live in the community in which she grew up. Something needs to be done to protect the seniors in the community.

Councilman Wells, stated the Live Oak is a problem street and they need help on Live Oak and Mooney Park. He stated there were fifty rounds found and he called the police about the shooting behind Mooney Park. He stated he asked about lighting at the meeting before the Wilbert Dangerfield Awards. He asked how much does it cost to save a life. He asked about the meeting where boulders in the park was discussed. District three needs help.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked for an update on the homeless shelter and the definition presented to Planning and Zoning

Mayor, stated the homeless shelter doesn't have access to the property. They are accessing the property through Circle K's property. He stated the project needs to clear up how they are going to go in and out of the property.

Lacy Landrum, stated they are working on the definition.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked for a flood study update.

Lacy Landrum stated that an update was sent about a month ago saying that they are still working on it.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that the Keep Hammond Beautiful and the Chamber are doing the Love the boot Great American cleanups. This Saturday they are meeting at the Chamber from 8am to 10am.

Lacy Landrum, (Flood Study) stated she pulled up the email from February 23 which stated they were working on the LOMR application report and finishing last checks on the models.

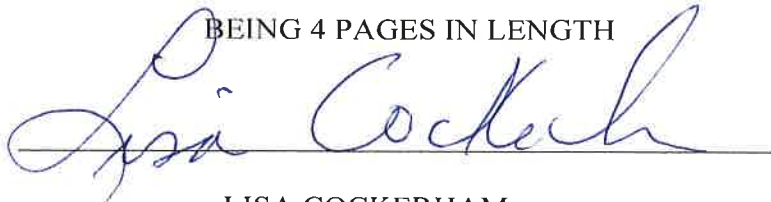
XII . ADJOURN:

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. 5-0 to adjourn

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
May 14, 2024
5:30pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman Kip Andrews
- II. ROLL CALL:** Councilman Andrews (P), Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Wells (P), Councilwoman Gonzales (P)
- III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**



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- II. ROLL CALL:** Councilman Andrews (P), Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Wells (P), Councilwoman Gonzales (P)
- III. PRAYER:** Councilman Kip Andrews
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Stella DiVittorio
All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of April 23, 2024 Meeting
There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of April 23, 2024.
Votes: Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y) Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion Approved 5-0
- VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE**
- VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:**

1. Introduction of an ordinance of the Hammond City Council amending the Unified Development Code providing for a supplemental use article of the Unified Development Code and establishing its general provisions, specific provisions for accessory buildings and uses, and specific provisions for accessory garages.

Mayor Pete Panepinto, explained the ordinance and Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval.

Councilman Wells asked the Mayor to explain the ordinance.

Mayor Panepinto explained and gave an example. He also stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to recommend.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance of the Hammond City Council amending the Unified Development Code providing for a supplemental use article of the Unified Development Code and establishing its general provisions, specific provisions for accessory buildings and uses, and specific provisions for accessory garages.

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

Public hearing will be held on May 28, 2024

2. Introduction of an ordinance of the Hammond City Council amending the Unified Development Code clarifying minor subdivision review procedure, lot boundary adjustment procedure, related appeal procedures, withdrawing obsolete procedural diagrams, and directing the City Planner, through the Mayor, to make new procedural diagrams available to the public.

Mayor Pete Panepinto explained the ordinance.

Councilman DiVittorio was concerned out the number of items redlined and asked the City Attorney if he had reviewed it.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney stated that he did take a look at it and he spoke with the city planner.

Councilman Wells, suggested that the city planer come to the next meeting.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an ordinance of the Hammond City Council amending the Unified Development Code clarifying minor subdivision review procedure, lot boundary adjustment procedure, related appeal procedures, withdrawing obsolete procedural diagrams, and directing the City Planner, through the Mayor, to make new procedural diagrams available to the public.

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

Public hearing will be held on May 28, 2024

3. Introduction of an Ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond budget for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in accordance with the procedures set within Section 5-03 of the City of Hammond Charter.

Mayor Pete Panepinto, this is the process for budget approval.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond budget for the Fiscal Year

2024-2025 in accordance with the procedures set within Section 5-03 of the City of Hammond Charter.

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

The public budget work session hearing is scheduled for June 7, 2024, at 8:30am. A second public hearing will be just prior to the regular council meeting on June 25, 2024, at 5:30pm.

Public hearing will be held on June 25, 2024

4. Introduction of an ordinance to re-name Al Ida Street Extension, formerly known as, "Pete Nicolosi Drive", shall be renamed "Pete Nicolosi Street", all signange and records shall be updated and notified pursuant to existing policies and procedures.

Councilman Sam DiVittorio, explained the ordinance to go back to the original plan and street name.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy 190 west, asked that the council support this ordinance.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to re-name Al Ida Street Extension, formerly known as, "Pete Nicolosi Drive", shall be renamed "Pete Nicolosi Street", all signange and records shall be updated and notified pursuant to existing policies and procedures.

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

Public hearing will be held on May 28, 2024

5. Introduction of an ordinance to rezone all of the property in the city limits within the following boundaries which is currently zoned RS11-A to RS-11: Crapanzano Road (west side), US Hwy 190 West (north side), Interstate 55 (east side), and Stein Road (south side).

Councilman Sam DiVittorio explained the ordinance and asked that the item be sent to planning and zoning for their recommendation.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an ordinance to rezone all of the property in the city limits within the following boundaries which is currently zoned RS11-A to RS-11: Crapanzano Road (west side), US Hwy 190 West (north side), Interstate 55 (east side), and Stein Road (south side) that the ordinance be sent to planning and zoning commission for their recommendation.

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

IX. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Hammond-Tangipahoa Home Mortgage Authority for the construction of a proposed downtown pavilion. (Attorney Andre Coudrain)

City Attorney Andre Coudrain explained the resolution.

Stan Dameron, 511 W. Robert St, explained who the Hammond-Tangipahoa Home Mortgage Authority is and the plans and money available for the project. The multi-use pavilion is proposed, he stated no parking will be lost and four parking spaces will be added, the pavilion will have lighting and cameras. He also explained that the Authority has funded other project around the city.

Michelle Kendell Director of the Downtown Development District, stated the DDD has had input into the project and they support the project.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the Mayor to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Hammond-Tangipahoa Home Mortgage Authority for the construction of a proposed downtown pavilion.

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

2. A resolution to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center and its approved merchants to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the Hot August Stroll Wine & Cheese Stroll held on Saturday, August 24, 2024 from 4:00pm-8:00pm. 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. The Wine & Cheese Stroll is hosted in partnership with the Hammond Downtown Development District's event, Hot August Stroll, that includes additional activities held all day on Saturday, August 24, 2024. (Melissa Griffin)

Melissa Griffin, Executive Director of the Hammond Regional Arts Center, explained the event.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the Hammond Regional Arts Center and its approved merchants to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the Hot August Stroll Wine & Cheese Stroll held on Saturday, August 24, 2024 from 4:00pm-8:00pm. 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. The Wine & Cheese Stroll is hosted in partnership with the Hammond Downtown Development District's event, Hot August Stroll, that includes additional activities held all day on Saturday, August 24, 2024.

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

3. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to renew service agreement with Mission Communication for software services in the amount of \$28,758.78. (Mayor Panepinto)

Mayor Pete Panepinto, stated this was the annual renewal that covers wells, lift station and plants.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells authorizing the Mayor to renew service agreement with Mission Communication for software services in the amount of \$28,758.78.

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

4. A resolution to authorize the purchase of (110) Glock G47 9mm weapons and (110) Safariland 639ORDS holsters for use by commissioned Hammond Police Officers with trade-in of (105) similar Glock G17. Total Amount \$36,505.00. State Contract 4400021914 for weapons, State Contract 4400025542 for Holsters. (Mayor Panepinto)

Mayor Panepinto, explained the request.

Councilman Wells, asked about the difference in the weapons.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the difference.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells authorizing the purchase of (110) Glock G47 9mm weapons and (110) Safariland 639ORDS holsters for use by commissioned Hammond Police Officers with trade-in of (105) similar Glock G17. Total Amount \$36,505.00. State Contract 4400021914 for weapons, State Contract 4400025542 for Holsters.

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

5. A resolution to authorize the purchase of essential equipment for the (110) Glock 47 weapons from Practical Tactical. Total Amount \$48,018.30 (Mayor Panepinto)

Mayor Panepinto, explained the equipment

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Highway 190 W. asked about the purchase and stated he was concerned about the cost.

Lt. Daniel Boudreaux, stated the department desperately needs the guns and equipment. He explained what a red dot was and how they work.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio authorizing the purchase of essential equipment for the (110) Glock 47 weapons from Practical Tactical. Total Amount \$48,018.30

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

6. 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, 2024-June 30, 2025. (Mayor Panepinto)

Mayor Panepinto, stated it is required by state law and is renewed annually.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Daily Star as the Official Journal for the City of Hammond, LA from July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025.

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

7. A resolution to accept the annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention report as required by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality in the city's discharge permit for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant. (Nathan Levy)

Nathan Levy, Contract Lab Manager, Lion Environmental, LLC 14938 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, explained the report.

Councilman Wells, asked about staff training and coverage.

Nathan Levy, explained the training and different levels.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to accept the annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention report as required by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality in the city's discharge permit for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

8. A resolution to approve a request by Michael Davis to review a major subdivision in accordance with the preliminary plat by LandSource Inc., dated March 18, 2024 concerning Tract I-A of Town and Country Plaza (SUB-2024-04-00234). The Commission recommended approval with the following conditions: a. Zoning map amendment approval concerning Parcel 1785907, Tract 1, 2-A, 2-B; 3 from split zoning to uniform zoning. b. Structures straddling the new lot lines will be relocated to a legally conforming receiving lot or demolished or prior to final plat approval. (Mayor Panepinto)

Michael Davis, Ponchatoula, explained the request

Councilman DiVittorio, expressed a concern about the parking.

Michael Davis, stated there was a clarification for an executed out parcel Declaration to be filed and it covers things like parking and access.

City Attorney Andre Coudrain explained the change and correction to the agenda. Planning and Zoning required that the outparcel agreement be recorded in the public record.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve SUB-2024-04-00234 with the condition recommended by the commission of executed out parcel Declaration be filed and recorded with the approved survey.

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

9. A resolution to approve a request by Silverback Holdings, LLC to review a major subdivision in accordance with the preliminary plat by Max Bodin, Inc., dated December 13, 2023 concerning 515, 513, 511, and 411 Hewitt Rd (SUB-2024-03-00231). The Commission recommended approval with the following condition: a. Executed outparcel declaration to be filed and recorded with the approved survey. (Mayor Panepinto)

Max Bodin, 44052 W. Pleasant Ridge Rd, Hammond, explained the condition. He stated the recommendation was approval based on the consolidation of the existing zoning and the removal of the structures on the plat that are marked to be removed.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve with the conditions that were set forth by the Planning and Zoning Commission which is a zoning map Amendment to consolidate the existing zoning to one zoning classification and removal of the structures on the plat that are marked to be removed.

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

10. A resolution to approve Tommy's on Thomas located at 216 W. Thomas St. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Tommy's Pizza 24 LLC. (Mayor Pete Panepinto)

Mayor, stated this was a change of ownership

Michael Liuzza and Scott Henderson, new owners were present to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve Tommy's on Thomas located at 216 W. Thomas St. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Tommy's Pizza 24 LLC.

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

11. A resolution to ratify and reject bids received 5/9/24 for "HEIDD Lift Station & Force Main Improvements (FY2024)" project no. 616-12402. (Jay Pittman)

Mayor Panepinto stated that the bids were over budget and he recommends the rejection of bids.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to reject bids received 5/9/24 for “HEIDD Lift Station & Force Main Improvements (FY2024)” project no. 616-12402.
Vote: Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Motion approved 5-0

12. A resolution to review and reject the bid received on April 2, 2024, for the Hammond welcome sign (project 12327) due to being over budget. (Mayor Pete Panepinto)

Mayor Panepinto stated this was \$30,000 over budget.

Michelle Kendall, Director of Downtown Development District, clarified the process and stated they will do three quotes rather than a public bid because this is under the amount required by public bid law.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to reject the bid received on April 2, 2024, for the Hammond welcome sign (project 12327) due to being over budget.

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

13. A resolution ratifying proposals and awarding the contract for “Playground Equipment for Jackson Park and Mooney Avenue Park” (RFP 24-24) to Planet Recess, Inc. in the amount of \$103,254. (Mayor Panepinto)

Mayor Panepinto explained the item.

Councilman Wells, recommended the use of the old swings. He is concerned over the cost of swings in Mooney Park. He stated that he asked to have to old swings and benches put back in the park. He did not think it was necessary to spend over forty thousand dollars for swings.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about cameras in Jackson Park.

Mayor Panepinto stated he would check on the cameras.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to ratifying proposals and awarding the contract for “Playground Equipment for Jackson Park and Mooney Avenue Park” (RFP 24-24) to Planet Recess, Inc. in the amount of \$103,254.

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

14. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$10,000 application to the Louisiana Development Ready Community Grant program for improvements to Morrison Alley. There is NO match requirement. (Mayor Panepinto)

Mayor Panepinto explained the item

Stella Matthews, 403 Second Ave, asked where Morrison Alley is.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon supporting the submission of a \$10,000 application to the Louisiana Development Ready Community Grant program for improvements to Morrison Alley. There is NO match requirement.

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

15. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of an \$8,000 application to the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Beautification Grant Program for improvements to Morrison Alley; and 2) supporting a 15% in-kind match in volunteer hours. (Mayor Panepinto)

Mayor Panepinto explained the grant

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon 1) supporting the submission of an \$8,000 application to the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Beautification Grant Program for improvements to Morrison Alley; and 2) supporting a 15% in-kind match in volunteer hours.

to Morrison Alley. There is NO match requirement.

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

16. A resolution to authorize a waiver of the open container law for alcohol during the Hammond Downtown Development District's Hammond Main Street 40th Anniversary Celebration held on Thursday, May 23rd from 4:30PM to 6:30PM. The event location is 106 NW Railroad Ave in Railroad Park and the 100-block of NW Railroad Ave. (Michelle Kendall)

Michelle Kendall, Director, Downtown Development District, explained the event.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to authorize a waiver of the open container law for alcohol during the Hammond Downtown Development District's Hammond Main Street 40th Anniversary Celebration held on Thursday, May 23rd from 4:30PM to 6:30PM. The event location is 106 NW Railroad Ave in Railroad Park and the 100-block of NW Railroad Ave.

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

17. A resolution authorizing the Hammond Downtown Development District and its approved merchants to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol, as well as granting a waiver of the Open Container Law, during the Hot August Stroll held on Saturday, August 24, 2024 from 8:00-9:00pm. 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. (Michelle Kendall)

Michelle Kendall, Director, Downtown Development District, ask that the time be corrected from 8:00 pm. The hours of the event are 8:00 am to 9:00 pm and she explained the event.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio authorizing the Hammond Downtown Development District and its approved merchants to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol, as well as granting a waiver of the Open Container Law, during the Hot August Stroll held on Saturday, August 24, 2024 from 8:00am -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 DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Motion approved 5-0

X. REPORTS:

Mayor: stated over 350lb of catfish was put in Zemurly Pond and encouraged everyone to enjoy the Downtown Development Event.

Council: Councilman DiVittorio asked about lighting issues in Lakewood and Chavin Drive and Church St.

Councilman Wells, thanked the Mayor for bringing his grandson to Mooney Park , He asked for an update on changing Carolina Street name to Willie Grant St. He asked about damage to a city sidewalk by a garbage truck. He ask for the street sweeper to sweep several streets in his area. He asked again for cameras on Live on Street and would like to see it in the budget.

Councilman Andrews, asked about having police details in the park on Saturday and Sunday.

Stella Rouble Matthews asked about the resolution on Home Mortgage Authority.

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. 5-0 to adjourn

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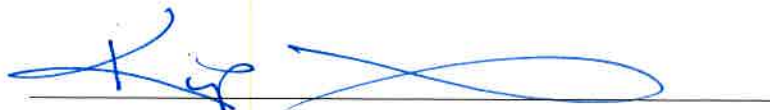
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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
May 28, 2024
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: OLD BUSINESS

1. An ordinance to amend the UDC regarding the definition of "Group Living."

Councilwoman Gonzales, explained the ordinance and action by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Micky Hubbell, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, LA, asked about the procedures.

Councilwoman Gonzales stated she would be withdrawing the definition that was presented because planning and zoning has given a better definition. She would be introducing the changes made by planning and zoning for recommendation for a public hearing.

City Attorney Andre Coudrain, stated this as originally proposed will be superceded by what the Planning & Zoning Commission and the city planner has recommended. He explained that the introduction of the ordinance definition from planning and zoning supercedes the original proposed ordinance.

Councilman Wells entered the meeting.

Kim Gunerson, PO Box 99, Tickfaw, LA, prayed and asked for understanding.

Carolyn Cain, Camillia Dr, asked that the information be presented in layman's terms. She asked that it be explained where the average joe will understand.

PUBLIC HEARING: NEW BUSINESS

1. An ordinance of the Hammond City Council amending the Unified Development Code providing for a supplemental use article of the Unified Development Code and establishing its general provisions, specific provisions for accessory buildings and uses, and specific provisions for accessory garages.

Mayor Pete Panepinto, stated that this will help to expedite the permitting. He stated it was unanimously approved by Planning and Zoning.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that some things can be addressed by variances, but it needs to be clearer and he would like to have the city planner present to answer questions.

Ron Matthews, 905 Del Mar, member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, he explained the reasons for the change and that it was cleaning up the current UDC language.

Councilman Wells, stated he is concerned about corruption. He stated he can't vote on this because he has requested that the city planner be present.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, explained the ordinance.

Ron Matthew, suggested a joint meeting of Planning and Zoning and the City Council.

2. An ordinance of the Hammond City Council amending the Unified Development Code clarifying minor subdivision review procedure, lot boundary adjustment procedure, related appeal procedures, withdrawing obsolete procedural diagrams, and directing the City Planner, through the Mayor, to make new procedural diagrams available to the public.

Mayor Pete Panepinto, stated this was an attempt to simplify to get smaller items taken care of. He explained the ordinance.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated this was a lot and a little more time is needed to review the information.

Debra Swenson, 12 Ravenwood St, asked that the item be tabled and she has several questions and she would like to speak with the city planner. She would like for him to attend the meetings.

Tracy Washinton Wells, 610 Mooney Ave, She asked that if an article is referenced she would like to ask that they be linked to the referenced articles. She asked questions about the ordinance. She asked that the matter be tabled.

Sal Nicolosi 3607 Hwy 190 W, stated that the council should know what is going on with the city planner and the council needs all the information.



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

May 28, 2024

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PRAYER :Reverend Marshall

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2024 Meeting

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second **Councilman Leon** to approve the minutes of May 14, 2024

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: OLD BUSINESS

1. Final Adoption of an ordinance to amend the UDC regarding the definition of “Group Living.”

Councilwoman Gonzales ask that this item be removed from the agenda

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to remove the ordinance to amend the UDC regarding the definition of “Group Living.” from the agenda.

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

FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NEW BUSINESS

1. Final adoption of an ordinance of the Hammond City Council amending the Unified Development Code providing for a supplemental use article of the Unified Development Code and establishing its general provisions, specific provisions for accessory buildings and uses, and specific provisions for accessory garages. (Mayor Pete Panepinto)

Councilman Andrews, wants to table and have a joint meeting with Planning & Zoning.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to table the ordinance until after a meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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 of the Hammond City Council amending the Unified Development Code clarifying minor subdivision review procedure, lot boundary adjustment procedure, related appeal procedures, withdrawing obsolete procedural diagrams, and directing the City Planner, through the Mayor, to make new procedural diagrams available to the public. (Mayor Pete Panepinto)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Gonzales to table the ordinance until after a meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

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

Mayor Pete Panepinto, stated this is done annually after the audit is completed, they will be transferring \$350,000 from the general fund to the workers comp General Liability Insurance Fund which had an increase. There is an increase to the sales tax revenue and \$500,0000 will be removed from garbage collection fees.

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

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

2. Introduction of an ordinance of the Hammond City Council amending the Unified Development Code defining group living facility, group care facility, homeless shelter, providing for inclusive zoning of each, and defining conditional uses.

Mayor Pete Panepinto, stated this was an effort to clarify definitions.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked that the public hearing be held on June 24, city council meeting.

Micky Hubbell, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, Baton Rouge, LA, representing proposed applicant asked about the definitions and questions about the ordinance.

Shelia Roserio Ratief, stated that housing is a basic human right and people don't choose to be homeless and she believes this is an attempt to deter the opening of the homeless shelter. She stated that there are people who needs this and the shelter is necessary.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked what brought them to the location the choose.

Toni Jackson 13141 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, stated what bought them to that location was that it was for sale and it was the model that they wanted. She explained why it was selected.

Amanda Stapleton, Northlake Homeless Coalition, 42309 S. Morrison Blvd, explained prior use of the location and the work that they do.

Chris Wisecarver, 42433 Enterprise Lane, Hammond, thanked the council for recognizing the defect in the code and trying to correct it. The property was targeted beause there was a defect and unprotected in may ways.They need to look at the needs of the community. He stated it was the scale and location of this project they have a problem with.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an ordinance of the Hammond City Council amending the Unified Development Code defining group living facility, group care facility, homeless shelter, providing for inclusive zoning of each, and defining conditional uses.

Public Hearing is scheduled for June 24, 2024

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 approving the Restoration Tax Abatement Program Application for Sweet Haven LLC concerning the historic building renovation at 223 East Thomas Street that was approved by the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the resolution

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Highway 190 west, asked about the resolution.

Matt Hunt, 57 White Hope Court Hammond, property owner, explained the project.

Councilman Wells stated that he loses a lot in district 3 and was concerned about the dollars that will not be available for Mooney Park.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the Restoration Tax Abatement Program Application for Sweet Haven LLC concerning the historic building renovation at 223 East Thomas Street that was approved by the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation.

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

2. 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. (Mayor Panepinto)

Mayor Panepinto, explained the agreement.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon 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

3. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of an \$27,500 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 \$27,500 from the Hammond Police Department.

Mayor Panepinto explained the ordinance and stated the city match will come from the millage. He also stated that vests are traded in every 5 years.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to adopt a resolution 1) supporting the submission of an \$27,500 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 \$27,500 from the Hammond Police Department.

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

4. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$1.5 million grant application to the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program for lift station and force main improvements. There is NO match requirement. **Mayor Panepinto**, explained the resolution.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio 1) supporting the submission of a \$1.5 million grant application to the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program for lift station and force main improvements. There is NO match requirement.

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

5. A resolution to review and ratify bids received 5/23/2024 for “Drainage Improvements [FY 2024]” –project no. 420-12404.

Chuck Spangler introduced Mitchell Roniger from Spangler Engineering and explained the bid and the work. He recommended the award to the low bidder.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Highway 190 w, asked about the bids.

Chuck Spangler, stated that these were public works jobs that had to be bonded for a million dollars and there are only about few local contractors that can bond a job of this size.

Tracy Washington Wells, 610 Mooney Ave, asked about projects that were previously approve and the current project.

Chuck Spangler, explained the projects and time lines

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the award to the lowest bid received 5/23/2024 for “Drainage Improvements [FY 2024]” –project no. 420-12404.

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: Zemurrey pool is open, he thanked UPS and Big Brown for donating \$2000 to help kids learn how to swim for free. Summer Camp is from June 3rd to July 26th.

Council:

Councilman Wells asked about the sidewalk on Louisa West.

Mayor stated it is in line to be done.

Councilman Wells, stated that the side walk is a hazard. He also asked about street sweeping on Corbin and Garret Streets.

Mayor, stated they will get to them as soon as they can.

Councilman Wells asked how many streets were ahead of him

Mayor stated he would let him know tomorrow.

Councilman Wells, stated that there was a tree that caused the power to go out on Corbin, in District 3 & 4 and they were without power for several days. It’s important that they stop fighting amongs each our, look at the system.

Mayor asked that garbage be put out the night before, the trash company will be coming earlier

Councilman Wells, stated that it is time for the residents to be responsible for their garbage and water bill.

Councilman Andrews, stated that in the upcoming days to be on the lookout for a proposal that he would like to make to the council and administration after he meets with the city attorney.

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

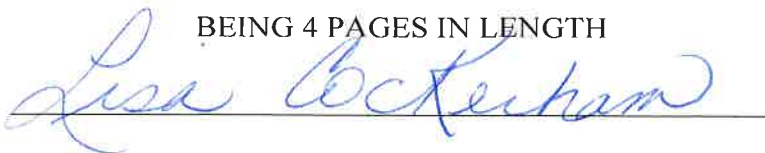
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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK



PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
June 11, 2024
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Mayor Pete Panepinto, explained the item.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
June 11, 2024
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

**II. ROLL CALL: : Councilman Andrews (P), Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilman Wells (A)
Councilman Leon (P), Councilwoman Gonzales (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 May 28, 2024 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the the Minutes of May 28, 2024 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 amend the City of Hammond budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in accordance with the procedures in Section 5-03 of the City's Charter. (Mayor Pete Panepinto)

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

Votes: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion approved 4- 0.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to approve the fiscal year 2024-2025 Non-Municipal Fire and Police personnel Holiday closing schedule for the City of Hammond. (Mayor Panepinto)

Mayor Panepinto, stated this is the city's holiday schedule and they would like to add Friday the 21st of June and that the City Courts will be recognizing and he explained that they have an issue with Entergy and they will be doing some work on that day. He recommend that it be celebrated on the 21st and next year it will be accepted with the rest of the holiday's

Councilman Andrews, asked why Juneteenth isn't observed on the date of the holiday.

Mayor Panepinto, stated it was up to the council and he was matching what city court was doing and it was a day they had talked to Entergy about.

Councilman Andrews, stated he would like to see it observed on the day of the holiday.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to amend the fiscal year for the 2024-2025 Non-Municipal Fire and Police personnel Holiday closing schedule for the City of Hammond with changes to the Juneteenth holiday from Friday June 21, 2024 to Wednesday June 19, 2024 and from Friday June 13, 2025 to Thursday June 19, 2025.

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

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve as amended the fiscal year 2024-2025 Non-Municipal Fire and Police personnel Holiday closing schedule for the City of Hammond with changes as amended.

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

2. A resolution to approve Los Primos at 1320 N. Morrison Blvd. Suite 118 Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain a permit to sell packaged Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Los Primos Supermarket LLC. (Mayor Panepinto)

Mayor Panepinto, explained the resolution request.

Martin Salago, the owner was present to answer question.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales Los Primos at 1320 N. Morrison Blvd. Suite 118 Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain a permit to sell packaged Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is Los Primos Supermarket LLC.

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

3. A resolution to review and ratify bids received 06/06/2024 for "Airport East Utility Connection"- project no. 616-12408 (Mitchell D. Roniger)

Kylin Douglas, Spangler Engineering and explained the bid and that they would be providing water and sewer to the new hangers. He stated that they only received one bid and that was from Lawson-Bonet Construction. Inc. for \$193,101.00.

Councilwoman Gonzales asked if it was within budget.

Kylin Douglas, stated it was within budget.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the lowest bid received 6/06/2024 for "Airport East Utility Connection" project no. 616-12408.

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 purchase of a 2024 Dodge Ram 1500 Crew Cab truck for the Police Department from Premier Dodge, total cost \$40,551.58. State Contract 4400023795 (Mayor Pete Panepinto)

Mayor Pete Panepinto, stated this is a truck for the jail and the funds is coming from the mileage. It will be used for inmates, barricades, litter pickup etc.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the purchase

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the purchase of a 2024 Dodge Ram 1500 Crew Cab truck for the Police Department from Premier Dodge, total cost \$40,551.58. State Contract 4400023795.

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

5. A resolution to authorize a waiver of the open container law for alcohol during the Hammond Farmers & Artisans Market Summer Fete and 10 year anniversary held on Saturday, July 13th from 8AM to Noon. The event location is 106 NW Railroad Ave in Railroad Park and the 100-block of NW Railroad Ave. (Savannah Phillips)

Savannah Phillips, Farmers Market Manage explained the request.

There was a motion by **Councilman DiVittorio** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to authorize a waiver of the open container law for alcohol during the Hammond Farmers & Artisans Market Summer Fete and 10 year anniversary held on Saturday, July 13th from 8AM to Noon. The event location is 106 NW Railroad Ave in Railroad Park and the 100-block of NW Railroad Ave.

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

6. A resolution authorizing the Hammond Downtown Development District to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol, as well as granting a waiver of the Open Container Law, during the Summer Fete held on Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 8AM to Noon. The event boundaries are Railroad Park and the 100-block of NW Railroad Ave. (Savannah Phillips)

Savannah Phillips, Farmers Market Manage explained the request, same as previous.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** authorizing the Hammond Downtown Development District to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol, as well as granting a waiver of the Open Container Law, during the Summer Fete held on Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 8AM to Noon. The event boundaries are Railroad Park and the 100-block of NW Railroad Ave.

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

7. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the HoneyB Construction LLC for the construction of the Hammond Welcome Sign in the amount of \$118,969.00 (project number 12327). (Roy Dufreche)

Mayor Pete Panepinto, explained the request.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy 190 w, asked about the sign

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the HoneyB Construction LLC for the construction of the Hammond Welcome Sign in the amount of \$118,969.00 (project number 12327).

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

8. A resolution, In accordance with LA R.S. 33:2476 (L) (c) the hiring of Julie Monteleone as the part-time secretary for the Hammond Fire and Police Civil Service Board with a salary not to exceed \$1250.00 month. (Lt. George Bergeron)

Lt. George Bergeron, Chairman of the Police and Fire Civil Service Board explained that according to the statute the board has to hire a secretary and based on the population of the city is what determines whether it is a full or part-time secretary and the dollar amount is set by Statute. She worked part-time and full time. She was never officially hired by the Civil Service Board.

Mayor Panepinto, stated they were shorthanded and needed help in the building department and Ms. Julie helped out, she worked part-time in the billing department and part-time civil service.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** in accordance with LA R.S. 33:2476 (L) (c) the hiring of Julie Monteleone as the part-time secretary for the Hammond Fire and Police Civil Service Board with a salary not to exceed \$1250.00 month.

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: No Report

Council: Councilman DiVittorio asked about abandoned cars and when they were going to begin picking them up again.

Mayor Pete Panepinto, stated they are getting started.

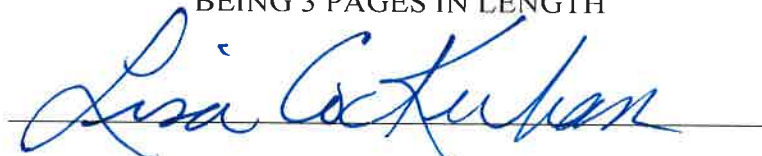
X. ADJOURN:

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. 4-0 to adjourn.

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 TRANSACTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD JUNE 11, 2024

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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK



PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
June 24, 2024
5:00pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond budget for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in accordance with the procedures set within Section 5-03 of the City of Hammond Charter.

Laura Hammett, City of Hammond Director of Accounting, stated that the budget was introduced on May 14, 2024 with a work session held on June 7, 2024. She provide a spreadsheet for budget amendments based on the discussion from the budget work session.

Councilman DiVittorio, had some questions about items that he wanted to add.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Highway 190 west, asked for street repairs on Al-Ida.

Spiller Milton, asked to include street lights on Chauvin and Old Baton Rouge Highway.

Tom Anderson, asked to overlay roadway in Zemurry Park.

Council Members discussed possible budget amendments.

Tracy Wells, 610 Mooney Ave, asked about amendments.

Councilwoman Gonzales, read the list of possible amendent from the work session.

2. An ordinance of the Hammond City Council amending the Unified Development Code defining group living facility, group care facility, homeless shelter, providing for inclusive zoning of each, and defining conditional uses.

Councilwoman Gozales explained the proposed ordinance.

Mickey Hubble, 301 Main Street, Baton Rouge, Attorney for Northlake Homeless Coalition, asked questions about the ordinance.

Andre Coudrain, Hammond City Attorney, explained the purpose of the ordinance.

Tom Anderson, 107 N. Spruce asked for clarification on conditional use and allowed use.

Cindy Childress, 3 North Brooke Circle, talked about how the homeless shelter has helped her in the past and she supports the shelter.

Jeanne Voorhees, 1201 S. Holly St, asked if there is a clear plan and stated that time needs to be set aside to discuss the issues.

Chris Wisecarver, 43442 Enterprise Lane, stated that there should be conditions on the homeless shelter and asked whether highway commercial is appropriate zoning location and he stated that the homeless shelter at ths location is out of place.

Beth Gray, 603 E. Roberts Street, St. Vicent DePaul stated she has used the homeless coalition for years and stated the new model for shelters is like a motel.

Deborah McQueen, stated that people can be for or against the shelter. She stated that the community needs this and fears, concerns and conditions should be addressed.

Charley Ciolino, stated his concerns about this being a main entrance into the city. He stated they will be dependent on federal funding. He is concerned about what happens if and when the money runs out and where would the people go. He stated this is not a good location for a homeless shelter.

Amanda Staplton 42309 S. Morrison spoke about the homeless shelter proposal.

Christine Szizer, stated she lost her job and became homeless.

Charlotte Jones 306 N. Cherry St, stated she was a clinical social worker and has worked with Northlake Homeless Coalition and have used their facility for years. She believes a homeless shelter would be a benefit to the area.

Bob Duncan, 229 Wildwood Dr, stated Hammond is a city that loves people and 15% of the homeless are veterans, women with children and abused spouses. He asked, please support the project at it's proposed location.

Belinda Hostad, 15496 E. Hoffman, Ponchatoula, stated she has lived in close proximity to the proposed shelter. She stated she lives near the Serenity House in Ponchatoula and is concerned over the definition of a shelter, services and whether the shelter will only service residents of Tangipahoa. She stated she has questions and she asked if the shelter will house undocumented immigrants or illegal aliens.

Bubba Perriloux, 44381 West Pleasant Ridge, stated he owns a business on Club Deluxe. He thinks this is a start and is not a comprehensive or complete ordinance. He stated that the ordinance should have a maximum number of residents, space and recreation facilities. He questions whether this should be in a commercial highway zone and recommended that council take their time and get this right.

Donna Gay Anderson, 107 N. Spruce, stated that there should be some reasonable conditions and that there are approximately 100 homeless people in the immediate area. She stated there are unhoused people moving from motel to motel now. She stated in those hotels there is no service, accountability or onsite security. Those places are already operating all over the parish is less safe and less accountable compared to the proposal of the homeless shelter.

Pat Moneteleone, 18856 Hank Drive in Ponchatoula, asked about the process and who is involved.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, stated that it will depend on the application, there is no application under consideration for this project.

Kent Carroll, 603 Rue St. Martin, a resident for 66 years, He stated that the road to the property is a dead end, other homeless shelters has been built and is it not likely that government funding will run out for the homeless shelter.

Angela Tyrone, 406 Hewitt Rd, she stated she was homeless and fell in love with the city after Hurricane Katrina. She stated a homeless shelter should not be in rural areas with no access to transportation or social services. She stated this is a good location and is needed in this area.

Ronald Gilbert, 4729 Montecillo Dr., stated he has lived in the area since 1981 and he worked with Showers Ministry and he has met a lot of homeless people. He is working with a church that is working with a homeless person. He stated it was a difficult process for homeless people to get jobs and services and it hard for someone that doesn't have an address. This facility will provide services and help for people.

James Swallow, stated he works in probation and parole, he is the re-entry manager for the State of Louisiana a part of their job is finding housing for people when they have a housing need. He stated that housing instability can put you back into situations that may not be beneficial. He stated a homeless shelter should not be in a rural area and that there is a need for a homeless shelter.

Rachel Gill, 3 Edwards Place, asked whether the homeless shelter can be in a single family zoned area.

Sherman Mack, former state representative, Attorney at Law, Livingston Parish, stated he thinks the council should take its time.

David Fisher, 14172 Lindsay Drive, stated that the proposed area is close to a residential area.



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

June 24, 2024

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PRAYER: **Bruce Hunter**

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of June 11, 2024 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the the Minutes of June 24, 2024 meeting.

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

VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Final Adoption of an ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond budget for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in accordance with the procedures set within Section 5-03 of the City of Hammond Charter. (Mayor Pete Panepinto)

There was a discussion over budget amendments.

- Capital Project Sidewalks: (New Page 63) Live Oak Sidewalks \$150,000

- Capital Project Sidewalks: (New Page 63) Natchez to Live Oak Sidewalks \$175,000.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to add as listed above.

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

- Capital Project Sidewalks: (Item 11 Page 63) Linden (W Coleman – W Church) \$200,000 move to FY 2025-2026

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget and move the above project from FY 2024-2025 to FY 2025-2026 as listed above.

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

- Capital Project Drainage: (Item 11 Page 64) Laurel (Morris-Thomas) move up 2 years from FY 2026-2027 to FY 2024-2025 \$75,000.
- Capital Project Drainage: (Item 12 Page 64) Woodbridge North Outfall move up 1 year from FY 2025-2026 to FY 2024-2025 \$180,000.
- Capital Project Drainage: (Item 17 Page 64) Live Oak (Mooney – Natchez) move up 1 year from FY 2025-2026 to FY 2024- 2025 \$210,000.
- Capital Project Drainage: (Item 18 Page 64) Haskins (N of White St) move up 1 year from FY 2025-2026 to FY 2024-2025 \$256,000.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Leon** to amend the budget to add as listed above.

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

- Capital Project Drainage: (Item 14) Palmetto (Mooney-S. Morris Blvd) move \$275,000 from FY 2024-2025 to FY 2025-2026 and adding it to the \$300,000 for FY 2025-2026 creating a reduction of the FY 2025-2026 budget of \$275,000.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Wells** to amend the budget to move \$275,000 from FY 2024-2025-FY 2025-2026 as listed above.

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

- Capital Project Drainage: (Item 15 Page 64) Aleata Dr (E of Harden Dr) at Barnes. Added Barnes to description. No financial Impact.
- Capital Project Drainage: (Item 19 Page 64) Spelling correction from Merona to Mauroner. No financial impact.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget adding a description change at Barnes and spelling correction of Mauroner as listed above.

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

- Capital Projects Park Improvements: (New Page 65) Added \$50,000 to Mooney Park, \$30,000 to Cate Street Park, \$30,000 to Clarke Park, \$30,000 to Jackson Park, \$30,000 to MLK Park, \$30,000 to North Oaks Park, and \$30,000 Zemurray Park. Total Financial Impact FY 2024-2025 \$230,000.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to for FY 2024-2024 as listed above.

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

- Capital Project Concrete Street Improvements: (Item 1 page 66) Removed \$530,000 from FY 2024-2025 budget. Add \$250,000 to FY 2025-2026 Budget.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to remove Minnesota Park Capital Project Concrete Street Improvements: (Item 1 page 66) for a reduction of \$530,000 from FY 2024-2025 and add \$250,000 to FY 2025-2026 budget.

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

- Capital Project Concrete Street repairs for Mary's Alley Increase budget of \$258,000 FY 2024-2025.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to add Concrete Street repairs for Mary's Alley Increase budget of \$258,000 FY 2024-2025.

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

- Capital Request: (Page 61) Removed Salary Study \$100,000, Correct Brand for Parks and Grounds Tractor with a side Boom from John Deere to Kubota no financial impact, Removed 2 John Deere Gators from Airport \$27,500 and replaced with 1 John Deere 4 wheel Drive \$16,000, Removed Kubota RTV 520D from Airport \$14,000, Removed Digital Sign from Recreation \$25,000 and replaced with John Deere Gator \$16,000, Corrected Description for Recreation Building from Storage Building to Multipurpose Building no financial impact. Net Financial Impact FY 2024-2025 reduced by \$134,500.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget as listed above.

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

- General Administration: (Page 20) Increase 10015800-560144 Payments to Marshal by 15,000 for a PT clerk.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to add \$15,000 to Marshal's office budget for a part-time clerk.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews, (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (abstain). Motion Approved 4-0

- FY 2024-2025 add Animal Shelter \$60,057 and removed Non-Profit Funding \$228,950,

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to amend the budget FY 2024-2025 to add \$60,057 to the line item for the animal shelter and to remove \$228,950 from the non-profit line item.

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

- Police Salaries add \$411,000 for salary corrections, (estimate amount for revisions to the police salary)

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to add \$411,000 for police salary corrections.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews, (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (abstain). Motion Approved 4-0

- Sales Tax Revenue: (Page 40) Increased FY 2024 ending balance \$250,000 to Total \$28,250,00 based off collections, Increased FY 2025 \$500,000 to total \$28,000,000.
- General Fund Transfer from Sales Tax: (Page 12 and Page 40) Transfer from Sales tax to General Fund \$100,000 to cover budget amendments.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Leon** to increase the sales tax revenue (Fund 203) for FY 2024 of \$250, 000 and increase the sales tax revenue FY 2025 \$500,000 and increase the sales tax to general fund expenditure FY2024 of \$100,000 and an increase of sales tax general revenue for FY2025 \$100,000

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews, (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (absent), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to adopt the City of Hammond budget for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as amended in accordance with the procedures in Section 5-03 of the City's Charter as amended.

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

2. Final Adoption of an ordinance of the Hammond City Council amending the Unified Development Code defining group living facility, group care facility, homeless shelter, providing for inclusive zoning of each, and defining conditional uses. (Mayor Pete Panepinto)

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated this is the right way to move forward

Councilman DiVittorio, stated there should be better planning and this was put together too quickly.

Councilman Wells, stated that some good points were made and there should be additional meetings and this should not be rushed.

Sal Nicolosi, stated that the city council should look at this really closely.

Councilman Andrews, stated it was a lot to think about and there will be discussions.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and a second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to adopt an ordinance of the Hammond City Council amending the Unified Development Code defining group living facility, group care facility, homeless shelter, providing for inclusive zoning of each, and defining conditional uses.

Votes: Councilman Kip Andrews, (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (abstain). Motion Approved 4-0

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to adopt the following adjusted millage rates and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said corporate limits of the City of Hammond for the Year 2024, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE:

General Alimony, General Funds (5207001)	8.730 Mills
Fire/Police (5207002)	9.650 Mills
Public Works (5207003)	1.930 Mills
Total	20.310 Mills

Laura Hammett stated this is in accordance with state law.

Councilman Wells left the meeting.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Highway 190 West, asked about the millage.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon, to introduce an ordinance to adopt the following adjusted millage rates and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said corporate limits of the City of Hammond for the Year 2024, for the purpose of raising revenue:

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General Alimony, General Funds (5207001)	8.730 Mills
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Total	20.310 Mills

Votes: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion approved 4- 0.

2. Introduction of an ordinance to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2024, and when collected, the revenue from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rates are"

	Adjusted Rate	2024 Levy
General Alimony , General Funds (5207001)	8.730 Mills	9.040 Mills
Fire/Police (5207002)	9.650 Mills	10.000 Mills
Public Works 5207003	1.930 Mills	2.000 Mills
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Laura Hammett, explained the proves

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	Adjusted Rate	2024 Levy
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Fire/Police (5207002)	9.650 Mills	10.000 Mills
Public Works 5207003	1.930 Mills	2.000 Mills
Total	20.310 Mills	21.040 Mills

Votes: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion approved 4- 0.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution 1) accepting a \$47,376 grant from the Local Government Assistance Program to make necessary repairs and renovations to the Levy Building; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement.(Mayor Pete Panepinto)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio 1) accepting a \$47,376 grant from the Local Government Assistance Program to make necessary repairs and renovations to the Levy Building; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement.

Votes: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion approved 4- 0.

2. Review and consider appeal by Guy’s I, LLC of the decision of the Hammond Historic District to assess a fine related to multiple maintenance violations.

Darryl Smith 201 NW Railroad Ave, ask the council to not impost fine and that District Court issued a stay. He asked that the item be tabled pending litigation.

Heather Diebold, stated the appeal was untimely and she proceeded to explain.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio to table hearing the appeal as stated on the agenda.

Motion dies for lack of a second.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and a second by Councilwoman Gonzales to table the appeal and the timeliness of the appeal.

Votes: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion approved 4- 0.

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: Camp Blue is in session, this has been a record year of 112 participants. There will be July 4th Fireworks in Zemurry Park and the pool is open.

Council:

X. 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. 4-0 to adjourn.

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA**

**July 9, 2024
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An ordinance to adopt the following adjusted millage rates and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said corporate limits of the City of Hammond for the Year 2024, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE:

General Alimony, General Funds (5207001)	8.730 Mills
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Total	20.310 Mills

Mayor Panepinto, explained the ordinance.

No Public Comment

2. An ordinance to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2024, and when collected, the revenue from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rates are"

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Mayor Panipento, explained the ordinance.

No Public Comment



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REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
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July 9, 2024

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

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

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 June 24, 2024 Meeting

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to approve the the Minutes of June 24, 2024 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:

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

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an Ordinance to Set Water Sewer and Garbage fees for Single Family Properties.

Councilman Andrews, ask that the item be tabled. He stated he was informed of an upcoming water study and would like to table until after the study.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and a second by Councilman DiVittorio to table an Ordinance to Set Water Sewer and Garbage fees for Single Family Properties.

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to approve Off The Hook - Hammond located at 370 S. Morrison Blvd. Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Moreaux Restaurant Group, LLC.

Mayor Pete Panepinto, all requirements have been met

Jordan Moreaux, owner was present to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to approve Off The Hook - Hammond located at 370 S. Morrison Blvd. Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Moreaux Restaurant Group.

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

2. 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, 2025 between Hammond and the State of Louisiana, DOTD, Office of Engineering.

Mayor Pete Panepinto, explained the agreement.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the Mayor to enter into the annual Maintenance Agreement including Mowing and Litter Pickup for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025 between Hammond and the State of Louisiana, DOTD, Office of Engineering.

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

3. 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 17, 2025.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the grant.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon 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 17, 2025.

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

4. A resolution of the Hammond City Council confirming the Appointment of Monica Perez to the Planning and Zoning Commission (Mayor Panepinto).

Mayor Panepinto, stated Monica was a current member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and was unable to attend the meeting.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon to confirm the re-appointment of Monica Perez to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a four-year term from July 14, 2024 – July 14, 2028.

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

5. A resolution to approve the appointment of Charles Borchers IV as the Director of Administration for the City of Hammond with an annual salary of \$80,000 effective July 10, 2024.

Mayor Panepinto, stated Charles has been with the city for the past 12 years and has handled more than \$20 million in grants and has assisted in other areas. He stated he does a great job and would be a great fit.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that Charles have done a great job and he always respond and his responses are very thorough and she thinks he is a good fit.

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to approve the appointment of Charles Borchers IV as the Director of Administration for the City of Hammond with an annual salary of \$80,000 effective July 10, 2024.

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: stated July 4, was a big success and thanked the Ciolino family and every one that attended . He announced the back to school bash/ backpack give-away on July 26, from 9am to noon at Hammond Westside School.

Council:

Councilwoman Gonzales, recognized the loss of Pete Lentini, City of Hammond building official who was killed in a car accident.

Councilman Andrews, thanked the Mayor for bringing the body of Pete Lentini back home. Councilman Andrews, recognized Bishop Soule.

Bishop Soule, spoke on behalf of the Hammond Housing Committee about the Hammond Tangiphoa Home Mortgage Authority and efforts of the Hammond Housing Committee.

X. ADJOURN

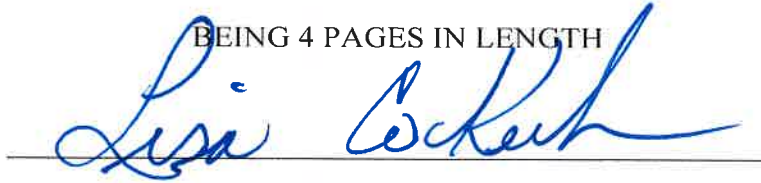
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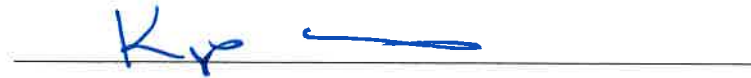
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
July 23, 2024
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
July 23, 2024**

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 White 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 July 11, 2024 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the the Minutes of July 11, 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: NONE

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of 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
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4. Hot water pressure washer Model # HW2-1100
5. Rear seats and cages from Police Vehicles
6. 18 wooden chairs
7. 15 tables
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14. 15 tables

15. Light bars, wire and camera heads

(Mayor Panepinto)

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

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

1. 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, November 2, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The event boundaries include the Morrison Park Alleyway. The 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 local food vendors.

Michelle Griffin, Director explained the event.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon 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, November 2, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The event boundaries include the Morrison Park Alleyway. The 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 local food vendors.

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

2. A resolution to grant a waiver of the city of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Hammond Regional Arts Center during the beer-tasting event Brews Arts Festival held on Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The event boundaries include the Morrison Park Alleyway. The 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 local food vendors.

Michelle Griffin, same as previous.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews 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, November 2, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The event boundaries include the Morrison Park Alleyway. The 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 local food vendors.

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

3. A resolution to grant La Carreta a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law for Hammond's annual Hot August Stroll celebration Saturday, August 8, 2024, from 11:00 AM 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, 108 N. W. Railroad Ave, explained the event and stated that they will provide security.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to grant La Carreta a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law for Hammond's annual Hot August Stroll celebration Saturday, August 8, 2024, from 11:00 AM 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: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

Councilwoman Gonzales stated that someone noticed the Hot August Stroll date was incorrect on the item they just approved and it should be August 24, 2024.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to go back and amend the date to grant La Carreta a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law for Hammond's annual Hot August Stroll celebration Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 11:00 AM 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: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the date as amended to grant La Carreta a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law for Hammond's annual Hot August Stroll celebration Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 11:00 AM 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: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

4. A resolution to appoint William Wainwright to the Hammond Airport Authority Board for a five-year term ending July 24, 2029.

Mayor Panepinto, provided information on the nominee and stated that he will be an asset to the board. **Councilman Wells**, stated again, that all appointees should attend the meetings.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to appoint William Wainwright to the Hammond Airport Authority Board for a five-year term ending July 24, 2029.

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

5. A resolution to appoint Susan G. Spring, to the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term ending from July 29, 2024 to July 29, 2027. (Mayor Panepinto)

Councilman Andrews, asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to remove the appointment of Susan G. Spring from the agenda.

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

6. A resolution supporting the submission of an \$18,000 application to the State Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase portable radios for the Hammond Police Department.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the item and stated there is no match for the city.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio supporting the submission of an \$18,000 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 White Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

7. A resolution approving Hammond Northshore Regional Airport's FY25-29 Capital Improvement Plan.

Mayor Panepinto, explained that this is the annual plan for capital improvements at the airport and is required by the FAA and State.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio approving Hammond Northshore Regional Airport's FY25-29 Capital Improvement Plan.

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

8. A resolution to purchase one 2024 F350 dump body truck for Parks & Grounds department from Courtesy Automotive Group for \$69,720.80 State Contract 4400023793.

Mayor Panepinto, stated this was approved in the budget.

Councilman Wells, asked that they move fast on items for District 3.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the purchase of one 2024 F350 dump body truck for Parks & Grounds department from Courtesy Automotive Group for \$69,720.80 State Contract 4400023793.

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

9. A resolution to authorize the purchase and installation of a 20 ton American Standard Unit for the Recreation Department for a total of \$34,250.00

Mayor Panepinto, stated this is to replace a broken unit and the money is coming from sales tax.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the purchase and installation of a 20 ton American Standard Unit for the Recreation Department for a total of \$34,250.00

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

10. A resolution to purchase two 2024 F350 dump body trucks for Street Department from Courtesy Automotive Group for \$139,441.60 State Contract 4400023793.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the purchase of two 2024 F350 dump body truck for Street Department from Courtesy Automotive Group for \$139,441.60 State Contract 4400023793.

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor:

Veterans Breakfast is Thursday at 8:30 am at the recreation center. On Friday July 26, 2024 from 9am to 12 pm is the Back to School BASH at Hammond Westside Montessori School.

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, asked for an Entergy representative to attend the next meeting.

BJ Couvillion Project Manager of Entergy was present and gave an update at certain locations, light repair and replacement.

Councilman Wells, thanked the Mayor for coming out to Mooney Park. He also asked about trimming tree limbs and tracking devices on city vehicles. He talked about the water fountain in Mooney Park not working and stated that it hasn't work since it was installed. Councilman Wells asked Phyllis McCraney to come forward to speak about a problem she having.

Phyllis McCraney, 605 JW Davis Drive, stated she has been having trouble with suspicious people around her home. She stated her door has been kicked in, things has been thrown at her house and the police has been called out several times and she needs more protection. She also stated that the sewer in her area still needs to be fixed and the lights in front of her home haven't worked in years.

Councilman Wells asked for more patrols in the area and he also stated that he had been hearing from city workers that the did not get their pay raise..

Mayor, stated he is going to look into the pay issue and speak to the street crimes division.

Councilman Andrews, mentioned the Memorial Service for Pete Lentini to be held on August 3 at First Baptist Church at 5:00 pm. He also asked about having some broken down vehicles removed near the corner of MC Moore and Magazine St.

X. 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. 5-0 to adjourn

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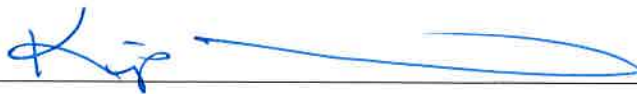
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
August 13, 2024
5:30pm**

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

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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

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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 has 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 enforcement. 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

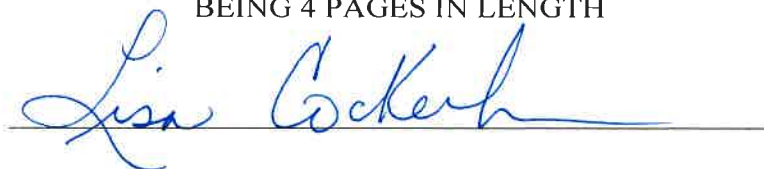
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. 5-0 to adjourn

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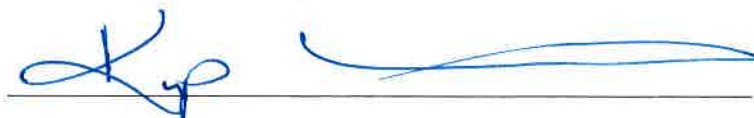
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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK



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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA**

**August 27, 2024
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Michelle Kendall, explained the item

Councilman Wells enters the meeting

No Public Comments.



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

**August 27, 2024
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Kip Andrews (P), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (P), Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales (P), Councilman Steve Leon (P), Councilman 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 13, 2024 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the the Minutes of August 13, 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 transfer \$15,000.00 from the Downtown Development District Fund (207) Balance to the 'Digital Gateway Project' account (12327).

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

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

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance of the Hammond City Council amending the Official Zoning Map for the following addresses along Hewitt Road:

515 Hewitt Road, amending from MX-N and MX-C to MX-C.

0.19 Acres in rear of 515 Hewitt Road, amending from RS11.A to MX-C.

515 ½ Hewitt Road, amending from MX-N and MX-C to MX C.

513 Hewitt Road, amending from MX-N and MX-C to MX-C.

411 Hewitt Road, amending from MX-N and MX- C to MX-C.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the ordinance.

Chuck Walker, Silverback Holding owner, 195 Laurant Road, Madisonville, was present and explained the use of the property and to answer questions.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about a previous plan to build a school

Chuck Walker, stated that they were in the pre-school industry and they have several pre-schools.

Councilman Wells, stated he wanted to hear what Kylan Douglas of the Planning and Zoning Committee had to say and he asked to amend the item because some of the residents on Hewitt St. have some issues.

Kylan Douglas, Planning & Zoning Commission, explained the zoning and the boards position and the reason for the request to change the zoning. This was a planning and zoning request.

Councilman Wells asked if Kylan would explain the difference between MX-C and MX-N.

Kylan Douglas, explained the differences.

Councilman Wells explained his position and asked that the item be put on hold and invited anyone with a concern to speak.

Chuck Walker, stated this was already zoned and he did not asked for the change and he explained. The zoning department requested the change. They parcel was already zoned commercial.

Tracy Wells, 610 Mooney, Identified possible uses on MX-C. she stated they should keep that in mind for future use.

Councilman Wells, asked that the item be tabled until he and Mr. Walker could meet.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to table the introduction of an ordinance of the Hammond City Council amending the Official Zoning Map for the following addresses along Hewitt Road:

515 Hewitt Road, amending from MX-N and MX-C to MX-C.

0.19 Acres in rear of 515 Hewitt Road, amending from RS11.A to MX-C.

515 ½ Hewitt Road, amending from MX-N and MX-C to MX C.

513 Hewitt Road, amending from MX-N and MX-C to MX-C.

411 Hewitt Road, amending from MX-N and MX- C to MX-C.

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

2. Introduction of an ordinance to increase fees for leases and services at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport.

Mayor Panepinto, stated this is to continue to move the airport to become self-sufficient. He explained the difference in fees and services.It was all approved by the board.

Councilman DiVittorio asked if the board was in favor of the increases.

Councilman Wells, asked about operation permits and the using local businesses.

Christopher Goodmans,861 Industrial Road asked about fees, leases and adjustments.

John Bohnig, owner of lease, asked about his lease status.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to increase fees for leases and services at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews(Y). Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (abstain), Motion to approve 4-1

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS- DISCUSSION

1. Permits, construction, code violations, remedies, and related issues and action regarding 1100 Rue Challet, Hammond, Louisiana.

Councilman DiVittori, explained the reason for the discussion. He invited the people to come up and express concerns regarding related issues.

Councilman DiVittorio, invited people to come and express their concerns.

Councilman Leon asked what was the current status.

Mayor Panepinto stated that he spoke with the judge about the process for warrants.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, stated that he communicated with the owner and the owner knows that he can not operate as a duplex and if he does, legal action will be taken.

Cindy Grega, 1108 Rue Chalet, asked the city attorney about what he said regarding the property being a duplex.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, explained what a duplex was.

Cindy Grega, stated she could get pictures of the interior of property.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, stated if they were to go to court the need to have proof . If there is evidence of changes to the interior making it a duplex, he asked City Grega to bring it to them and they will bring enforcement.

Mayor Panepinto, stated it was a permit issued for a driveway and not for interior construction.

Jim Grega, 1108 Rue Chalet, asked about the wall that was put in. He stated they had the date and pictures. He also describe what he saw in the interior of the home.

Andre Coudrain, stated the he and Cindy can sign an affidavit as well as testify, certainly if they have photographs.

Jim Crawford 105 Rue Chalet, stated he was the first one to notify Sam of the parking pad being put in front of the property. He explained his concern.

Lloyd Washington, 604 Rue Chalet, explained his concern.

Councilman DiVittorio, explained the reason why they are having the discussion and his concerns.

Mike Barnholdt, 805 Del Mar, expressed his concerns regarding permits. He spoke about the liability to the city.

Ginger Dangerfield, 1000 Rue De La Pax, she feel like the city let them down. She thinks the city should held liable.

Councilman Leon, asked for clarification on what has been taking place on the property, regarding permits the have been issued on the house.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated no permits were issued for the work on the house and the one that was issues for the driveway was not completely filled out and had the wrong name. He stated he notified everyone that there was a problem.

Devin Boudreax, 1005 Rue De la Paix, stated the the owner sent out his contract early to get the job done so it can't be reversed. He gave his opinion on what happened between the owner and contractor.

Christina Monistere, asked for clarification on what constitutes a felony.

Andre Coudrain, explained what constitutes a felony.

IX. RESOLUTIONS

1. A resolution to approve Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to hold its annual Parish Fair on October 25, 26, 27, 2024 within the boundaries of Magnolia Street from W. Colorado to railroad track, and NW Railroad Ave from W Colorado to railroad track.

Larisa Mears, representative from Holy Ghost was present to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to approve Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to hold its annual Parish Fair on October 25, 26, 27, 2024 within the boundaries of Magnolia Street from W. Colorado to railroad track, and NW Railroad Ave from W Colorado to railroad track. **Motion Approved 5-0**

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman 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 25, 2024, from 5pm to 10pm, Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 9am to 10pm, and Sunday, October 27, 2024, from 9 am to 6pm within the boundaries set.

Larisa Mears, representative from Holy Ghost was present to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Wells to approve Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to hold its annual Parish Fair on October 25, 26, 27, 2024 within the boundaries of Magnolia Street from W. Colorado to railroad track, and NW Railroad Ave from W Colorado to railroad track.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (N), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1

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 25, 2024 5pm to 10pm, Saturday, October 26, 2024 9am to 10pm, and Sunday October 27, 2024 9am to 6pm within the boundaries set.

Larisa Mears, representative from Holy Ghost, same as previous.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for the following dates and

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (N), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1

4. A resolution for approval of Final Acceptance/Substantial Completion for "Airport East Utility Connection" – project no. 616-12408.

Mitchell D. Roniger, Spangler Engineering explained the project.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales approval of Final Acceptance/Substantial Completion for "Airport East Utility Connection" – project no. 616-12408.

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

5. A resolution to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Robinson Dozer Work LLC, for Demolishing services at 501 W Coleman St., Hammond LA., in the amount of \$44,500.00 RFP 24-26.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the scope of the work.

Councilman Wells, asked about the removal of the driveway and backfill.

Mayor Panepinto, stated they are responsible for taking everything off of the property, it should be a cleared lot when they are done.

Councilman Wells, asked about the backfill.

Mayor Panepinto, stated it will be leveled. Like everything around it.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked it that was in the bid.

Councilman Wells, stated it was in the bid. He also expressed his concerns regarding the housing that is being torn down in the community. The work that they are doing on the building he would like to see it done to housing that is being torn down in the city.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Robinson Dozer Work LLC, for Demolishing services at 501 W Coleman St., Hammond LA., in the amount of \$44,500.00 RFP 24-26

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 a Kubota M5-111HDC-1 Tractor with a 60" Diamond side Rotary Mower for total amount of \$98,584.06. Star Equipment will be the delivering dealer, State Contract#4400025216 & Contract # 4400027628.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the item.

Charlie Ciolina, Star Equipment, stated they have the tractor in stock but the mower will be deliver in 14 to 16 weeks. Equipment should be ready the first of the year and that they will train the operators.

Tracy Wells, asked the City Council if they knew the balance that was in the checking account. She stated the council should now what the balance is in the bank account. She explained her reason for the question and stated it was their responsibility to know the balance and what's being spent. She asked that they be told at the next council meeting, how much is in the bank account. She stated as a citizen they have a right to know. It is the council's responsibility.

Mayor Panepinto, stated that there were funds in the budget for this.

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

7. A resolution 1) accepting a \$277,225 grant from the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program to rehabilitate Lift Station 22, which serves the Woodbridge Subdivision and surrounding area, and Lift Station 45, which serves the Elmwood Park Subdivision and surrounding area; 2) approving a cash match of \$103,940; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. The rehabilitation of these lift stations is included in the City's 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Mayor Panepinto, stated explained the grant and the match.

Deborah Swenson, 12 Ravenwood Street, asked if this would help out Whitmor.

Mayor Panepinto explained that Whitmor lift station is 21 and that would be the next project.

Mayor Panepinto, stated that there were funds in the budget for this.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews 1) accepting a \$277,225 grant from the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program to rehabilitate Lift Station 22, which serves the Woodbridge Subdivision and surrounding area, and Lift Station 45, which serves the Elmwood Park Subdivision and surrounding area; 2) approving a cash match of \$103,940; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. The rehabilitation of these lift stations is included in the City's 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

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

8. A resolution to open an investigation into the building department office regarding any and all matters related to permits under Section 2-06 of the City Charter, hiring an attorney to conduct the investigation pursuant to Section 4-02(E) of the City Charter, obtaining and independent audit of the building department under Section 2-07 of the City Charter, selecting a Certified Public Accountant or firm pursuant to Section 2-07 to conduct the audit, and authorizing the lawyer and accountant to coordinate and work together regarding the investigation and audit.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that this resolution stems from the Rue Chalet permit issue. The resident brought this to his attention. He explained the the reason for this item and his concerns.

Sylvester Marshall Sr., 2503 Rue Simone, asked if there are checks and balances in the permit office.

Mayor Panepinto, explained

Vic Couvillion , 802 Rue Caine, Villa West, stated he has been watching and covering meeting. He stated a mistake was made and he cannot see spending money on an accountant, lawyer or consultant. He stated we talk about saving the city money and hiring these people could be expensive. He state a mistake was made and the administration is addressing the issue and he thinks it will be taken care of. A mistake happened and it's being corrected.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy 190 W, stated the Mayor and the Council need to get on the same page. Council should get a report on where the money is going. He thinks the Mayor and Council need to get together.

Eddy Campany, 208 S. Olive Street, stated the building and permitting department should be investigated.

Councilman Leon asked Eddy Campany what is he speaking of.

Eddy Company, stated they should take a closer look at how building permits have been issued over the last ten years, policies and procedures.

Bobbi Carter, 2503 Rue Simone, Villa West, talked about illegal permits in another situation. She stated people in the department need to be trained.

Micah Perie, 903 Rue St. Michael, she believes there needs to be an investigation.

Deborah Swenson, 210 Ravenwood, stated that there was a home in her neighborhood that is being worked on and the owner was being told different things by different people in the building department and this needs to be checked on.

Tracey Wells, 610 Mooney Ave, asked how was the permit on Rue Chalet issued

Mayor, stated it was for a driveway, it was not a permit for the house.

Tracey Wells, pointed out the the permit was incomplete and this needs to be investigated. She stated from her experience the former planner was very through. She stated there is nothing wrong with an investigation or audit.

Councilman Andrews asked City Attorney Coudrain if an amendment could be made to the resolution. Frank DiVittorio, 912 West Morris, stated the council should be able to ask questions. He asked that if they decide to hire someone to lead an investigation or audit, make sure that that they are accountable to them.

Councilman Andrews asked City Attorney Coudrain, about making modifications.

Attorney Coudrain, asked are they doing an investigation or they hiring a consulting firm to recommend policies and procedures.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to move forward with opening an investigation into the building department and the scope will be determined at future meetings.

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

9. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a one (1) year agreement with Verizon Wireless/Connect. The proposed one (1) year agreement is for the Verizon Reveal application and hardware which will enable the tracking of city vehicles. This for 240 vehicles at a total price of \$50,256.00.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the item.

Councilman Wells asked how many vehicles the city owns and about the equipment.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated we need a count, because we have a lot more equipment than 240.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to authorize the Mayor to enter into a one (1) year agreement with Verizon Wireless/Connect. The proposed one (1) year agreement is for the Verizon Reveal application and hardware which will enable the tracking of city vehicles. This for 240 vehicles at a total price of \$50,256.00.

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

10. A resolution to approve Brady's located at 110 SW Railroad Ave. Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Shamrock Hospitality. (Mayor Panepinto)

Mayor Panepinto, stated this was an ownership change and everything was in order.

Glen Alack, 110 SW Railroad Ave stated they are changing the name on the license but everything else will stay the same.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that someone has reached out to her asking if this was a restaurant or a bar. She wanted to make him aware that if his bar is open the kitchen must be open.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve Brady's located at 110 SW Railroad Ave. Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Shamrock Hospitality.

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

X. REPORTS:

Mayor: No report

Council:

Councilman Wells Called up Ms. Pam Haynes, Maryland Street, discussed her concern regarding a letter she received from the post office that addressed changes to the mailboxes. She reached out to the post office with no satisfaction. She reached out and got signatures from her neighbors. She is asking for help.

Councilman DiVittorio spoke about the mail and the leash law. He asked the City Attorney if there is anything that can be done.

City Attorney Coudrain, suggested that the council pass a resolution. The Federal Government controls the post office, but the council can express that they do not want the mailboxes relocated to the street and send it to all of the federal representative and see if they could get someones attention.

Councilman Andrews asked City Attorney Coudrain to draft a resolution.

Alton McCrany, 204 Maryland Street, stated that he has the same concern and is asking for help.

Councilman Wells, asked that the city council chamber and water department building be tested for mold.

Mayor explained what was taking place concerning the mold.

Councilman Wells asked to get a top sign on Harold Street and Mooney Ave. He also asked about name change of Carolina Street to Willie Grant. He asked about the police officer using the restroom in a closet at the court house.

Mayor explained what happened.

Councilman Wells, asked about the action/disciplinary action of the police officer. He talked about the gentleman who had to pay for his personal file. He stated that HR was not qualified, they sent his file to different departments and that should not have happened. Councilman Wells, asked that the council slow down. He stated the City Council needs their own lawyer.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about a speed hump on Rosewood and it needs to be a priority. He also asked about the grass on the sidewalk on Harden Dr.

Councilman Andrews, asked where they were in the process of the study regarding garbage and water. Councilman Wells, stated they are spending one million and five hundred dollars on garbage.

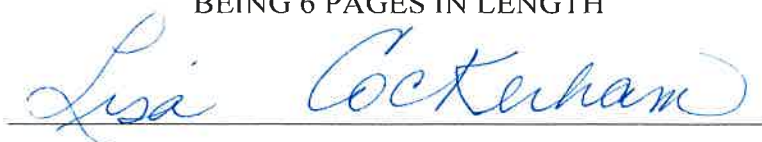
XI . ADJOURN

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. 5-0 to adjourn

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 TRANSACTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD August 27, 2024

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PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
September 24, 2024
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. An ordinance to rezone all of the property in the city limits within the following boundaries which is currently zoned RS11-A to RS-11: Crapanzano Road (west side), US Hwy 190 West (north side), Interstate 55 (east side), and Stein Road (south side).

Mayor Panepinto, explained the ordinance.

No Public Comment

NEW BUSINESS

1. An ordinance to increase fees for leases and services at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport.

Councilman Wells entered the meeting.

Councilman DiVittorio entered the meeting

Charles Borchers, Director of Administration explained the ordinance.

City Attorney Andre Coudrain, stated the effective date was proposed to be July 1, 2024.

Christopher Goodman, 861 Industrial Park, asked questions about the rate changes and expressed his concerns about the fees. He ask that the item be tabled and that the city do an audit.

Councilman Wells called up, Mr. Wainwright a member of the airport board.

Mr. Wainwright answered questions about the airport.



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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 27, 2024 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the the Minutes of August 27, 2024 meeting.

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

VI. PRESENTATION: Karen Wallsten- Housing Enhancement Committee

Karen Wallsten, gave an update from the committee

Councilman Andrews, acknowledged an email from Attorney Tom Hogan and the email for the housing committee.

Stan Dameron, Housing Mortgage Authority was present to answer questions.

VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE

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Mayor Panepinto, explained the ordinance

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to increase fees for leases and services at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport. (Mayor Panepinto)

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to table an ordinance to increase fees for leases and services at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport pending meeting of Airport Advisory Board.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews(Y). Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (N), Councilman Leon (N), Councilman Wells (Y), Motion to table 3-2.

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE: OLD BUSINESS

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411 Hewitt Road, amending from MX-N and MX- C to MX-C. (Mayor Panepinto)

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Public Works	1.930 Mills	2.000 Mills
Total	20.31 Mills	21.040 Mills (Mayor Panepinto)

Charles Borchers explained the ordinance.

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

2. Introduction of an ordinance requiring quarterly financial reports be provided to the City Council at the second City Council meeting following the end of each quarter.

Councilman Andrews, explained the ordinance.

Councilman Leon, stated he did not agree with or support the ordinance. This is a waste of time and trying to micromanage the administration.

Councilman DiVittorio, thinks it's a good idea.

Councilman Wells, stated this is needed and they should know the amount of money in the accounts.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked how difficult would it be to provide them with the information.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to introduce an ordinance requiring quarterly financial reports be provided to the City Council at the second City Council meeting following the end of each quarter.

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

IX. OTHER BUSINESS- DISCUSSION

City Council to continue the discussion on how to move forward with opening an investigation into the building department office regarding any and all matters.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that he is working on putting something together.

Cindy Grego, 1108 Rue Chalet, raised issues at 1100 Rue Chalet, she asked that the property be inspected.

Jill Dangerfield, 1000 Rue De La Paix stated her concerns and wanted to know what is going on and what the city is going to do about it.

Mike Barnholdt, stated they need to be able to trust city officials. He thinks there is two kitchens in the house. He stated the secrecy needs to stop.

Councilman DiVittorio, ask to have that information verified that work was done.

Michelle Kendall, asked about plans for the building department.

Mayor, stated that Dana Brown is under contract and Robert Morgan is under contract and they are currently interviewing for grants.

X. RESOLUTIONS

1. A resolution to approve Shukar LLC located at 1200 S Morrison Blvd. Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain an alcohol permit for a Convenience Store. The owner is Shukar LLC.

Mayor Panepinto, stated this is a change of ownership.

Mr. Bedi, the owner was present, he explained his business.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to approve Shukar LLC located at 1200 S Morrison Blvd. Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain an alcohol permit for a Convenience Store. The owner is Shukar LLC.

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

2. A resolution of the Hammond City Council regarding Postal Delivery. (Councilman Wells)

Councilman Wells Called Ms. Pam Haynes up.

Pam Haynes, asked about the status pf the postal delivery issue and asked for an update.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, provided an update on what he has done.

Pam Haynes, stated they need results, her community is older and they don't need to go to the road to get they mail. They need help.

Councilman Wells, called up Ms. Wagner-Jones

Ms Victoria Wagner Jones, stated she was 82 and this has been an incovience for her to go out to the road to get her mail.

Shaun Corbin, 114 Maryland St, she stated that packages can be brought to the door by the postal service but the mail can't. She stated that if there is a dog issue, how can they bring packages to the door and drop them off but not put the mail in the box on the house.

Councilman Wells stated that the dog was on Carolina St., He stated another City Councilman had the same issue and they passed an ordinance that all dogs are to be on a leash. He expressed his concern and regarding contacting the post office. He stated someone at the post office told one of his contituents that they are doing this throughout the whole city. If that is the case there's nothing he can say, but he would like to know if anyone else is getting these notices like District 3. He also expressed a concern about the people calling out their address because of the drug problem in the communities.

Councilman DiVittorio, spoke about the leash law. He asked Charles Borchers to send the leash law ordinance to Hammond Police Department.

Councilman Wells stated they received two letters from the postal service and they are being forced to get a mailbox and he wants to see everyone treated the same.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to approve a resolution of the Hammond City Council regarding Postal Delivery.

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

3. A resolution 1) accepting an \$8,800 grant from the Healthy Communities Grant Program to purchase trash can liners and cleanup supplies to reduce litter in Hammond; 2) approving a 15% in-kind match in volunteer hours; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Charles Borchers, explained the item. He stated they applied several months back and were awarded the grant. There is no cash match the matche comes from volunteers with Keep Hammond Beautiful.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales 1) accepting an \$8,800 grant from the Healthy Communities Grant Program to purchase trash can liners and cleanup

supplies to reduce litter in Hammond; 2) approving a 15% in-kind match in volunteer hours; and 3) 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 (Absent), Motion Approved 4-0

4. A resolution 1) accepting a \$7,200 grant from the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Beautification Grant Program for improvements to Morrison Alley; 2) approving a 15% in-kind match in volunteer hours; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Charles Borchers, explained the item and stated this was similar to the previous one it's the same funder and there is no cash match, it's an inkind volunteer match.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews 1) accepting a \$7,200 grant from the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Beautification Grant Program for improvements to Morrison Alley; 2) approving a 15% in-kind match in volunteer hours; and 3) 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 (Absent), Motion Approved 4-0

5. A resolution 1) accepting a grant of 100 trees from the Apache Corporation Tree Grant Program for an annual Louisiana Arbor Day tree giveaway January 17, 2025; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio 1) accepting a grant of 100 trees from the Apache Corporation Tree Grant Program for an annual Louisiana Arbor Day tree giveaway January 17, 2025; 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 (Absent), Motion Approved 4-0

6. A resolution to ratify bids for "The Pavillion" and to award a contract in the amount of \$774,900 to the lowest responsible bidder, Kelly Construction Group.

Tom Pistorius, architect of record, 109 ½ W Thomas St, he stated they had a bid opening in the chamber on September 6 and they had 10 bidders that showed up and submitted bides . The lowest responsible bidder was Kelly Construction Group for \$774,900 and it is within budget. . He recommended they be awarded the bid.

Councilman Kip Andrews stated that he received an email from Mr. Tom Hogan and he asked that it be a part of the record.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to ratify bids for "The Pavillion" and to award a contract in the amount of \$774,900 to the lowest responsible bidder, Kelly Construction Group.

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

7. A resolution to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Pointer Smith Contracting, for Railroad Track Repairs in the amount of \$54,650.00. (Mayor Panepinto)

Mayor Panepinto, state this was the contract to repair the rail spur out by the airport and he explained the item.

Councilman Wells asked about getting the tracks fixed at the Holly St crossing.

Mayor stated he would look into it.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Pointer Smith Contracting, for Railroad Track Repairs in the amount of \$54,650.00.

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

8. A resolution 1) accepting \$1,140,273 in Federal Aviation Administration grant funds for "Terminal Apron Joint Reseal and Taxiway A and E Point Repairs" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Charles Borchers, explained the item and that there is no cost to the city. He also stated that this items as well as item 9 are all related.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** 1) accepting \$1,140,273 in Federal Aviation Administration grant funds for "Terminal Apron Joint Reseal and Taxiway A and E Point Repairs" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; 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

9. A resolution 1) accepting \$115,083 in Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development grant funds for "Terminal Apron Joint Reseal and Taxiway A and E Point Repairs" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** 1) accepting \$115,083 in Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development grant funds for "Terminal Apron

Joint Reseal and Taxiway A and E Point Repairs" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; 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

10. A resolution ratifying bids for "Terminal Apron Joint Reseal and Taxiway A and E Point Repairs" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport and authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract in the amount of \$1,092,080 with the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Byron E. Talbot Contractor Inc.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman Wells** ratifying bids for "Terminal Apron Joint Reseal and Taxiway A and E Point Repairs" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport and authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract in the amount of \$1,092,080 with the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Byron E. Talbot Contractor Inc.

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

11. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment in the amount of \$158,276 to Work Authorization 17 with design engineer Michael Baker International for construction support services for "Terminal Apron Joint Reseal and Taxiway A and E Point Repairs."

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

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XI. REPORTS:

Mayor: The MIA/POW event in Cate Square was a success.

Council:

Councilman Wells, called up Ms. Betty Robinson

Ms. Robinson 634 S. Morrison Blvd, stated she was concerned with a document she was ask to sign for the recreation department.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the dog ordinance and that it be sent to Hammond Police Department.

Councilwoman Gonzales, mentioned Keep Hammond Beautiful cleanup in Zemmurrey park on Sunday from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

XII . ADJOURN

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Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Charles Walker, owner explained reason for the request.

No public comments

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2024 Meeting

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to approve the the Minutes of September 24, 2024 meeting.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y),

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There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to table an ordinance requiring quarterly financial reports be provided to the City Council at the second City Council meeting following the end of each quarter.

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

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a request by Mitch Crayton on behalf of Hammond Cypress Crossing, Inc. to approve the Cypress Crossing Subdivision (Lots 1-14, G1, G2, G3), originally presented by Red, LLC, located in Block 97 of the Hper Survey, Section 25 T6S-R7E, Greensburg Land District, with the following conditions: 1) in accordance with the Final Plat by William J. Bodin Jr. dated August 2, 2018; 2) in accordance with the As Builts by Max J. Bodin Inc. dated September 19, 2023; 3) with revocation of the most westerly portion of unimproved East Park Ave right of way, shown as Lot 15 (measuring 54' x 92.5') on the Final Plat by William J. Bodin Jr. dated August 2, 2018; 4)with acceptance of a 2-year maintenance Letter of Credit for streets, water, sewer, and lighting; and 5)with acceptance of a 1-year performance Letter of Credit for sidewalks. Recommended 3-0 for approval by the Zoning Commission.

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2. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a request for Annexation by HiPark LLC & Edson Group Limited Partnership to annex 6.92 acres located on HiPark Blvd in accordance with the Survey by Andrew Faller dated August 16, 2024 and to be zoned I-L. Recommended 3-0 for approval by the Zoning Commission.

Charles Borchers, explained the item

Councilman Wells enters the meeting

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VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to authorize Benny's Place to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the the Planet in the Park event hoseted by We Didn't Planet Clothing Co., held on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 12:00pm - 7:00pm. The event will take place at Cate Square Park, 200 West Charles Street.

Alec Griffith, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrew and second by Councilman DiVittorio 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 Clothing Co., held on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 12:00pm - 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), Steven Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion approved 5-0

2. 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 Clothing Co., held on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 12:00pm - 7:00pm. The event will take place at Cate Square Park, 200 West Charles Street.

Alec Griffith, same as previous.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews 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 Clothing Co., held on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 12:00pm - 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), Steven Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion approved 5-0

3. A resolution 1) accepting a \$27,159.94 grant from the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership to purchase new and replacement body armor for Hammond police officers; 2) approving a \$27,159.94 cash match from the Hammond Police Department; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Charles Borchers, explained the grant.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon 1) accepting a \$27,159.94 grant from the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership to purchase new and replacement body armor for Hammond police officers; 2) approving a \$27,159.94 cash match from the Hammond Police Department; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

4. A resolution authorizing the purchase of 27 bulletproof vests for Hammond Police officers from Perret's at a cost of \$38,588.94 under State Contract 4400025826. The purchase will be made with \$19,294.47 in FY22 and FY23 Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant funds and \$19,294.47 in matching funds from the Hammond Police Department.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon authorizing the purchase of 27 bulletproof vests for Hammond Police officers from Perret's at a cost of \$38,588.94 under State Contract 4400025826. The purchase will be made with \$19,294.47 in FY22 and FY23 Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant funds and \$19,294.47 in matching funds from the Hammond Police Department

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

5. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$16,810 application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase portable radios for the Hammond Police Department.

Charles Borchers, explained the grant

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales supporting the submission of a \$16,810 application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase portable radios for the Hammond Police Department.

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

6. A resolution to ratify and award bids received 10/3/2024 for "Mary's Alley Improvements [FY2024]" –project no. 420-12407.

Jay Pittman, Spangler Engineering, presented the bid summary and recommended the award to the low bidder Richard Price Contracting Co., LLC in the amount of \$337,035.00.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio ratify and award bids received 10/3/2024 for "Mary's Alley Improvements [FY2024]" –project no. 420-12407.

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

7. A resolution to ratify and award bids received 10/3/2024 for "Mooney Ave. Pedestrian Bridge" – project no. 420-12508.

Jay Pittman, Spangler Engineering, presented the bid summary and recommends award to Lawson - Bonet Construction in the amount of \$138,900.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to ratify and award bids received 10/3/2024 for "Mooney Ave. Pedestrian Bridge" –project no. 420-12508.

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

8. A resolution of the Hammond City Council providing a scope for its investigation of the building department and for incidental matters.

Councilman DiVittorio, explained the item.

Mike Barnholdt, 75073 Del Mar, stated that an investigation should be done as soon as possible.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Highway 190 West, stated he is in favor of the resolution.

Jill Dangerfield, 1000 Rue De La Paix, would like to have an answer and hope that it doesn't take a long time or happens again.

Trae Welch, raised questions about a hanger at the airport. He stated they needed an occupancy permit and talked about the issues they were having.

Cindy Grego, asked about the inspection at the property in Villa West.

Charles Borchers, talked about the current state of the building department and asked that they be given time.

Councilman Andrews, stated that people are looking for them to do something.

Deborah Swenson, 210 Ravenwood, asked if the person doing the repairs been given a hard deadline and she thinks there should be an investigation.

Frank Divittorio, asked about the airport board and he stated that they need to get control of the board and there are reasons to investigate.

Councilwoman Gonzales, spoke about the resolutions and thought it was too broad. She raised questions regarding the item and suggested changes.

Stanley Campbell, 8 Fariway View Court, spoke about retaliation and stated that the city has a process problem. He asked the city attorney a hypothetical question on how the ordinance violation process works and equal treatment.

City Attorney Coudrain, stated that there would be equal treatment if it was the same situation.

Frank DiVittorio, stated that policies should be looked at and reviewed.

Christine Monistere, 208 Camelia Ave, asked about a prior incident and investigation of the police department.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy 190 west, asked that the resolution be passed and that they bring someone from the outside in.

Tracy Washington Wells, thanked Councilman DiVittorio for putting the resolution together and stated that this is a systemic problem in the administrations policies and procedures and there is a need to be put in place for accountability. She expects her council person to vote in favor.

Councilman Steve Leon, stated the process is going to be drawn out and he would like to see Villa West situation resolved immediately and there needs to be a statement from the city on what has happened.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that these are two separate items, Villa West is getting done. The scope of investigation is going to be taking care of a lot of issues throughout the building permit office. He requested documentation of when the Villa West issue would be resolved.

Cindy Grego, talked about the property in Villa West and she stated that there needs to be a time limit and accountability.

Councilman Steve Leon, stated that money should be spent on policies and procedures and not an investigation. He would like to see a consultant firm coming in to develop policies and procedures to keep us moving forward.

Renee Washington, 402 Washington Ave, stated that an investigation needs to be done and people need to be held accountable.

Jan Lobue, asked about policies and procedures.

Councilman Wells, stated they do not know where the city stands with the money because they have never received a financial report.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated they have never received a financial report that that voted on over two years ago.

Jim Grego, 1108 Rue Chalet, asked about quarterly reports and making the city accountable.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that if they wanted to pass the item tonight she has four recommendations and she explained them.

Councilman DiVittorio, explained the scope and the goal of the resolution. He doesn't think anything needs to be changed.

There was a motion by **Councilman Wells** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to approve a resolution of the Hammond City Council providing a scope for its investigation of the building department and for incidental matters.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (N), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (N), Devon Wells (Y). Motion fails 3-2

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated for the record that she made valid points that the council doesn't deal with.

City Attorney Coudrain, stated that the motion required four votes under the Charter to pass. It takes 2/3 votes for an investigation scope there were three in favor and two opposed. Under the Charter it takes 2/3 which would be four votes to approve the scope of the investigation.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that this is a resolution and it's a scope that will move forward into an investigation when it's engaged.

City Attorney Coudrain, stated that the Charter requires that you have a specific purpose in the investigation.

Stanley Campbell, 8 Fariway View Court, he asked the council if they give their opinion or are they representing their constituents .

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated she represents her constituents and she talks to people about the issues.

Mike Barnholdt, state that you can't investigate yourself. He suggest the first an foremost investigator should be an outsider with the council having some input.

Tracey Washington Wells, asked about a previous vote and the why this time require four votes.

City Attorney Coudrain, explained how the Charter reads.

Tracey Washington Wells, read from a resolution dated August 27th. She stated that the council should seek another opinion and she is challenging the decision.

City Attorney Coudrain, stated he is happy to request an opinion from the attorney general.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about hiring an attorney to get an opinion.

Discussion continued

9. A resolution to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Mosley's Lawn and Garden for Demolishing services at 107 N. Cherry St, Hammond, LA in the amount of \$45,000.00.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy 190 W, asked about the bidders.

Councilman Wells, talked about blighted properties in his community and asked that they do it the right way.

Councilman DiVittorio, left the meeting.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Wells** to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Mosley's Lawn and Garden for Demolishing services at 107 N. Cherry St, Hammond, LA in the amount of \$45,000.00.

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

10. A resolution to approve Annual Alcohol Renewals for 2025. (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Councilman DiVittorio returned to the meeting

Councilman Wells, stated that 110 LLC should not be on the list and he asked about other vendors on the list.

Charles Borchers explained

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the annual alcohol renewal and remove 110 LLC from the annual alcohol renewals for 2025.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Abstain), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Abstain), Motion approved 3 -2 to amend the item to delete 110 LLC from the list.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman Wells** to approve annual alcohol renewals for 2025 as amended.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Abstain), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (abstain), Motion approved 3 -2

11. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law for Railroad Roar from 5-8pm on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 in Railroad Park. (Michelle Kendall)

Todd Delaune, explained the event.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law for Railroad Roar from 5-8pm on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 in Railroad Park.

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

12. A resolution to authorize the Hammond Downtown Development District to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol the Farmers Market Fall Fest on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 8am-12pm in Railroad Park. (Michelle Kendall)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the Hammond Downtown Development District to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol the Farmers Market Fall Fest on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 8am-12pm in Railroad Park.

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

13. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law for the Farmers Market Fall Fest on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 8am-12pm in Railroad Park. (Michelle Kendall)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law for the Farmers Market Fall Fest on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 8am-12pm in Railroad Park.

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

14. A resolution to authorize the Hammond Downtown Development District to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during Starry Saturday on Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 8am-9pm. The event boundaries are Magnolia St, Robert St, Cherry St, and Coleman Ave. (Michelle Kendall)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the Hammond Downtown Development District to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during Starry Saturday on Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 8am-9pm. The event boundaries are Magnolia St, Robert St, Cherry St, and Coleman Ave.

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

15. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law for Starry Saturday on Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 8am-9pm. (Michelle Kendall)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law for Starry Saturday on Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 8am-9pm.

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: No Report

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, asked for an update on a flood study and asked if the consultant could attend the next city council meeting.

Councilman Wells, apologized to the Mayor and City Attorney Coudrain. He also asked that the parks in his district gets the same as other parks. He also asked that the city send someone out to ride the streets to see what lights are out.

X . ADJOURN

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

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 OCTOBER 8, 2024

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA**

October 22, 2024

5:30pm

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An ordinance to approve a request by Mitch Crayton on behalf of Hammond Cypress Crossing, Inc. to approve the Cypress Crossing Subdivision (Lots 1-14, G1, G2, G3), originally presented by Red, LLC, located in Block 97 of the Hyer Survey, Section 25 T6S-R7E, Greensburg Land District, City of Hammond, with the following considerations:

- a. In accordance with the Final Plat by William J. Bodin, Jr. dated revised June 4, 2019;
- b. In accordance with the As Builts by Max J. Bodin, Inc., dated revised September 3, 2024;
- c. With revocation of the most westerly portion of unimproved East Park Avenue right-of-way, shown as Lot 15 (measuring 54' x 92.5') on the Final Plat by Bodin & Webb Inc., dated revised June 4, 2019;
- d. Acceptance of a two-year maintenance letter of credit for streets, water, sewer, and lighting; and
- e. Acceptance of a one-year performance letter of credit for sidewalks.

Recommended 3-0 for approval by the Zoning Commission. (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers, Director of Administration, explained the item. He stated that Planning and Zoning Commission approved this item.

Mitch Crayton, 101 W. Thomas, Hammond, property owner was present and explained the process and plan for the property.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about previous issues.

Charles Borchers, explains that the owner has addressed them.

Mayor Panepinto explained that there were some items that they had to correct.

No Public Comment

2. An ordinance to approve a request for annexation by Hi Park LLC & Edson Group Limited Partnership to annex 6.92 acres located on Hipark Blvd in accordance with the Survey by Andrew Faller dated August 15, 2024 and to be zoned I-L. Recommended 3-0 for approval by the Zoning Commission.

Charles Borchers, Director of Administration, explained the item.

Frankie Cali, 1518 Martins Drive, Hammond, Ownere of property explained the annexation.

No Public Comment



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

October 22, 2024

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing (5:36PM)

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

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 October 8, 2024 Meeting

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to approve the the Minutes of October 8, 2024 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 an ordinance to approve a request by Mitch Crayton on behalf of Hammond Cypress Crossing, Inc. to approve the Cypress Crossing Subdivision (Lots 1-14, G1, G2, G3), originally presented by Red, LLC, located in Block 97 of the Hyer Survey, Section 25 T6S-R7E, Greensburg Land District, City of Hammond, with the following considerations:

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Recommended 3-0 for approval by the Zoning Commission.

Charles Borchers explained the item. He stated that Planning and Zoning Commision approved this item. Mitch Crayton, 101 W. Thomas, Hammond, property owner was present and explained the plan for the property

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the adoption of an ordinance a request by Mitch Crayton on behalf of Hammond Cypress Crossing, Inc. to approve the Cypress Crossing Subdivision (Lots 1-14, G1, G2, G3), originally presented by Red, LLC, located in Block 97 of the Hyer Survey, Section 25 T6S-R7E, Greensburg Land District, City of Hammond, with the following considerations:

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Recommended 3-0 for approval by the Zoning Commission.

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

2. Final adoption an ordinance to approve a request for annexation by Hi Park LLC & Edson Group Limited Partnership to annex 6.92 acres located on Hipark Blvd in accordance with the Survey by Andrew Faller dated August 15, 2024 and to be zoned I-L. Recommended 3-0 for approval by the Zoning Commission. (Charles Borchers)

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the adoption an ordinance to approve a request for annexation by Hi Park LLC & Edson Group Limited Partnership to annex 6.92 acres located on Hipark Blvd in accordance with the Survey by Andrew Faller dated August 15, 2024 and to be zoned I-L. Recommended 3-0 for approval by the Zoning Commission.

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

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to amend the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to transfer \$28,188.55 from Sales Tax Fund Balance (203) to Airport Fixed Assets (10038000-570000) for the purchase of Woods BW 15.72 15' Batwing Cutter (State Contract 4400.025551)

Mayor Pete Panepinto, explained the item.

Ronald Dangerfield, 314 Wilbert Dangerfield Dr, expressed his concern regarding the grass cutting in his neighborhood.

Mayor Panepinto, noted his concerns

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the introduction of an ordinance to amend the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to transfer \$28,188.55 from Sales Tax Fund Balance (203) to Airport Fixed Assets (10038000-570000) for the purchase of Woods BW 15.72 15' Batwing Cutter (State Contract 4400.025551)

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution affirming the passage of an ordinance on July 9, 2024 to adopt the following adjusted millage rates, levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Hammond for the Year 2024, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE:

General Alimony, General Funds (5207001)	8.730 Mills
Fire/Police (5207002)	9.650 Mills

Public Works 1.930 Mills
 (5207003)
 Total 20.310 Mills

Charles Borchers explained the item and the reason the city had to affirm the millage.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve a resolution affirming the passage of an ordinance on July 9, 2024 to adopt the following adjusted millage rates, levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Hammond for the Year 2024, for the purpose of raising revenue:

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

2. A resolution 1) accepting a \$44,950 grant from the Traffic Safety Grant Program for Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, and Juvenile Underage Drinking Enforcement; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Charles Borchers, explained the grant and that this is the acceptance of the grant.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales 1) accepting a \$44,950 grant from the Traffic Safety Grant Program for Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, and Juvenile Underage Drinking Enforcement; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

3. A resolution to reappoint Guy Recotta to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five year term ending September 30, 2029 (Charles Borchers)

Mayor Panepinto, stated Guy has been on the board for the last five years and is willing to serve another term.

Guy Recotta, was present and stated he would be honored to serve another five years.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrew and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to reappoint Guy Recotta to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five-year term ending September 30, 2029.

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

4. A resolution to reappoint Mark Rolling to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five year term ending September 30, 2029 (Charles Borchers)

Mayor Panepinto, stated Mark has been on the board for fifteen years and is willing to serve another term.

Mark Rolling, was present at the meeting and is willing to continue to serve.

Stanley Campbell, Hammond, asked about term limits and the process for serving.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the process and that they have a process in place.

Stanley Campbell, stated that it looks like there is a systemic issue and recycling the same people is not the best outcome but he understands.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to reappoint Mark Rolling to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five-year term ending September 30, 2029.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (abstain), Steven Leon (Y), Devon Wells (absent). Motion approved 3-0

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: stated that he asked Robert Morgan the building official to come up and he gave the council an update on the items they had been talking about.

Robert Morgan, he explained the state of the building department and they are in a good place and it is getting better. He addressed the issues concerning the home in Villa West and what has been done and gave instruction on what needed to be done before his next visit. He stated the property owner was out of the country and upon his return, they are expected to meet.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that he would like to be present at the next meeting with the property owner to represent his constituents.

Robert Morgan, stated that was a good idea.

Councilman Andrews, stated that the city is going through an audit and they were going to see if the auditors can look into the building department while they are here.

Charles Borchers, explained the related parties document that is a part of the audit that the council and department heads must complete, certifying that they are not related to anyone who would benefit from a relationship with anyone from the city. He ask that they complete them tonight.

He gave an update on meeting with the engineer for the flood study. He stated he will attend the next city council meeting to give and update.

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, request that the microphones in the council chambers be replaced.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that trick-or-treating downtown will be Wednesday from 5 to 7 pm. City veterans lunch is the first Thursday in November.

Councilman Andrews, stated he has a meeting on Monday with Charles and the finance department and we should be able to make a presentation at the next city council meeting.

Cindy Grego, Rue Chalet, was inquiring about the house at 1100 Rue Chalet.

City Attorney Andre Coudrain, stated he communicated with the owner who is out of the country. He is expected back around the end of the month and it's scheduled to be all wrapped up by November 8th.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated he would get with Robert Morgan and Andre to get a meeting and inspection.

Stanley Campbell, asked if the residents of Villa West get a video of the work that has/been done at the 1100 Rue Chalet. He thinks it seems as there's a lack of transparency and if they can see the inspections themselves, it would alleviate some of their concerns. He also asked the city attorney about clarity on the vote regarding the scope of the inspection of the building department.

City Attorney Coudrain, stated that four votes are required. He explained the charter requirement and his review of the previous minutes.

Councilman DiVittorio, explained his concern on the vote and reviewing the minutes versus watching the video.

Stanley Campbell, asked what is the status of the item.

Mayor Panepinto stated they are trying to get it done.

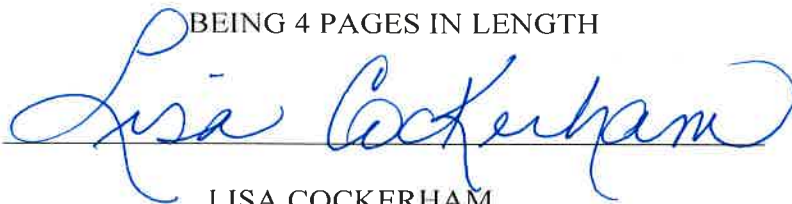
X. ADJOURN

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

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

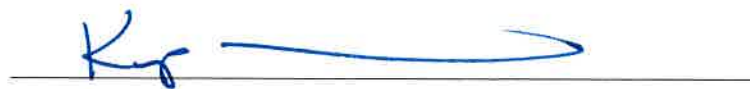
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
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312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
November 19, 2024
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An ordinance to amend the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to transfer \$28,188.55 from Sales Tax Fund Balance (203) to Airport Fixed Assets (10038000-570000) for the purchase of Woods BW 15.72 15' Batwing Cutter (State Contract 4400.025551)

Pete Panepinto, Mayor explained that this is for a replacement of broken equipment.

No Public Comment



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
November 19, 2024**

5:31/6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Andrews (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilman Wells (A), Councilwoman Gonzales (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 October 22, 2024 Meeting.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the the Minutes of October 22, 2024 meeting.

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

VI. PRESENTATION: NONE

VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to transfer \$28,188.55 from Sales Tax Fund Balance (203) to Airport Fixed Assets (10038000-570000) for the purchase of Woods BW 15.72 15' Batwing Cutter (State Contract 4400.025551) (Pete Panepinto)

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to adopt an ordinance to amend the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to transfer \$28,188.55 from Sales Tax Fund Balance (203) to Airport Fixed Assets (10038000-570000) for the purchase of Woods BW 15.72 15' Batwing Cutter (State Contract 4400.025551).

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

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to accept the proposed health insurance package for calendar year 2025. (Henry Powell)

Henry Powell, explained the options and the proposal.

Councilman Wells, entered the meeting.

Jamie Hauck, Police Department employee expressed her concern that this is coming at the last minute. She expressed her concern regarding the changes and the employees not having options.

City Council discussed and made recommendations and suggestions going forward.

Councilwoman Gonzales recommended that employees be given the option to choose to renew at the higher cost and that the long-term disability be included in the package.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Kip Andrews to accept the proposed health insurance package with a base plan and buy up plan for calendar year 2025 and with the long term disability as presented by Henry Powell.

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

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

2. A resolution to approve a change order in the amount of \$224,300 to the contract with Kelly Construction Group, LLC for the Hammond Downtown Event Pavillion Project. (Tom Pistorius)

Stan Dameron, 51 I West Robert St, gave information about the trust and the Downtown Pavilion Project.

Councilman Wells, asked where were the houses that Mr. Dameron said they built with funds from the trust.

Stanley Campbell, 8 Fairway Ct, asked if there were better ways to us the funds.

Edwin R. Soule, representative of the Hammond Housing Commission stated he was concerned about the change of focus and purpose of the Trust.

John Feduccia Attorney, Hammond-Tangipahoa Home Mortgage Authority Trust, spoke about the Trust and the change order.

Pam Haynes, stated that the authority is telling the city what to do with the money.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to approve a change order in the amount of 5224,300 to the contract with Kelly Construction Group, LLC for the Hammond Downtown Event Pavillion Project.

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

3. A resolution to authorize the City Council to retain a lawyer under Section 4-02 of the City Charter regarding the building department according to the terms of his proposed engagement letter and authorizing Councilman Kip Andrews or other appropriate representative to execute the proposed agreement; and in the interest of efficiency and limitation of cost to designate a Council Committee composed of Councilman Kip Andrews and Sam N DiVittorio as primary contacts for communication between the Council lawyer. (Councilman DiVittorio)

Councilman DiVittorio, stated the reason for the resolution was because of issues at the building department. Permit issues and the need to for further investigation to find out what is happening in that department. They need the expertise and legal advice of a legal council to improve the situation.

Cindy Grega, stated it should include issues of 1101 Rue Chalet to the proposal.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the inspection that was done.

Andre Coudrain, Hammond City Attorney, explained what had been done.

Barry Sartin, Sartin Riche' Trial Lawyers, explained the services they would be providing and the cost and all he need to move forward was the council consent to scope of work.

Councilman Leon, stated that the proposal was received today.

Mayor Panepinto, explained enforcement

Councilman Andrews. Stated he met with city auditors and they are putting information together concerning the building department.

Stanley Campbell, asked how can the council move forward.

Mayor Panepinto, stated that the issues have been corrected.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to authorize the City Council to retain a lawyer under Section 4-02 of the City Charter regarding the building department according to the terms of his proposed engagement letter and authorizing Councilman Kip Andrews or other appropriate representative to execute the proposed agreement; and in the interest of efficiency and limitation of cost to designate a Council Committee composed of Councilman Kip Andrews and Sam N DiVittorio as primary contacts for communication between the Council lawyer.

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

Councilman Leon (N), Councilman Andrews(Y). **Motion Fails 3-2 (Charter requires 2/3 vote)**

4. A resolution to purchase a Three Operator Position Dispatch Console in the amount of \$135,803.92 RFP 25-05.

Charles Borchers, Director of Administration, explained the resolution.

Councilman DiVittorio, left the meeting.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to purchase a Three Operator Position Dispatch Console in the amount of \$135,803.92 RFP 25-05

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

Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 4-0

5. A resolution updating the City of Hammond's Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, Director of Administration, explained the program.

Councilman DiVittorio, returns to meeting

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to update the City of Hammond's Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

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

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

6. A resolution adopting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Fiscal Year 2023- 2024 and authorizing the Mayor, Director of Administration, and City Council Clerk to sign the questionnaire. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Councilman Wells, expressed his concerns about voting on the item.

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Fiscal Year 2023- 20124 and authorizing the Mayor, Director of Administration, and City Council Clerk to sign the questionnaire.

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

X. REPORTS:

Mayor: He said to enjoy Thanksgiving and your families. Have a safe holiday!

Council:

Councilwoman Gonzales, wanted to remind everyone of Starry Saturday and movie in Cate Square Park.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked for clarification on the vote on the investigation.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney stated that the motion requires 4 votes.

Councilman Wells, wished everyone a Happy Holiday

Councilman Andrews, Happy Thanksgiving.

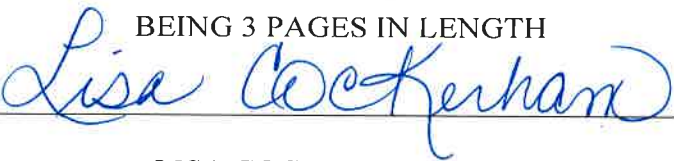
XI . ADJOURN

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to adjourn the meeting. All member 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
December 10, 2024
5:30pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman Kip Andrews
- II. ROLL CALL:** Councilman Andrews (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman DiVittorio (A), Councilman Wells (A), Councilwoman Gonzales (P)
- III. PUBLIC HEARING:** NONE



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
December 10, 2024
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

- I. I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman Kip Andrews
- II. ROLL CALL:** Councilman Andrews (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman DiVittorio (A), Councilman Wells (A), Councilwoman Gonzales (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 October 22, 2024 Meeting.
There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2024 meeting.
- VOTE:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (A), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (A), Motion Approved 3-0
- VI. PRESENTATION:** NONE
- VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:** NONE.

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

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

Councilman Andrews, provided a budget report from July 1- yesterday (December 9) to the council and explained the ordinance.

Charles Borchers, explained negative balances in the report and stated that it is because of revenue that has not been reported yet.

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

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

2. Introduction of 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 and stated this was recommended by planning and zoning.

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

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (A), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y),

Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (A), Motion Approved 3-0

3. Introduction 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.

Charles Borchers, explained the item and stated it was recommended by planning and zoning.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to introduce 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.

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

4. Introduction 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 the item and stated it was recommended by planning and zoning.

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

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

IX. RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution to reappoint Jessica Shirey to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term until December 31, 2028. She was originally appointed to the Commission on October 20, 2015.

Heather Diebold, Hammond Historic District, introduced Jessica Shirey, current commissioner. She stated that she meets all requirements and lives in the district.

Jessica Shirey, was present to answer questions.

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

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to re-appoint Jessica Shirey to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term until December 31, 2028.

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

2. Resolution to reappoint John Exnicios to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term until December 31, 2028. He was originally appointed to the Commission on October 8, 2019.

Heather Diebold, Hammond Historic District, introduced John Exnicios, current commissioner. She stated that he meets all requirements.

John Exnicios, was present to answer questions.

City Council Members, thanked him for serving and his willingness to continue to serve.

Councilman DiVittorio entered the meeting.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to re-appoint John Exnicios to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term until December 31, 2028.

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

3. Resolution to reappoint Tanya Turner to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term until December 31, 2028. She was originally appointed to the Commission on July 25, 2023 to complete the remainder of the term served by Shauna Seals.

Heather Diebold, Hammond Historic District, introduced Tanya Turner, current commissioner. She stated that she meets all requirements.

Tanya Turner, was present to answer questions.

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

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to re-appoint Tanya Turner to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term until December 31, 2028.

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

4. Resolution to reappoint Brandon Recotta to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term until December 31, 2028. He was originally appointed to the Commission on July 25, 2023 to complete the remainder of the term served by Jennifer White.

Heather Diebold, Hammond Historic District, introduced Brandon Recotta, current commissioner. She stated that he meets all requirements.

Brandon Recotta, was present to answer questions.

City Council Members, thanked him for serving and his willingness to continue to serve.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to re-appoint Brandon Recotta to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term until December 31, 2028.

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

5. Resolution to appoint Courtney Mahler to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a one-year term until December 31, 2025. This will complete the term served by Robert Dischler.

Heather Diebold, Hammond Historic District, introduce Courtney Mahler, she stated that she is a resident of Hammond, lives downtown and meets all requirements.

Courtney Mahler, was present to answer questions.

City Council Members, thanked her for her willingness to serve.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to appoint Courtney Mahler to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a one-year term until December 31, 2025.

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

6. Resolution to appoint Michael Holly to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term until December 31, 2028. Mr. Holly is a qualified architect who previously served on the Commission as Chairman from 1978-1988, and will be taking over for Ryan Faulk who has served on the Commission for the past 15 years.

Heather Diebold, Hammond Historic District, introduced Michael Holly, she stated that he is a resident of Hammond, owns property in the district, is a registered architect and meets all requirements.

Michael Holly, was present to answer questions.

City Council Members, thanked him for his willingness to serve.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to appoint Michael Holly to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term until December 31, 2028.

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

7. A resolution to approve Lighthouse Coastal Brasserie located at 116 W. Thomas St. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Lighthouse Coastal, LLC.

Charles Borchers, Director of Administration, stated that they have meet all of the requirements for the permit.

Alison Rubio, representative of the owner was present to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve Lighthouse Coastal Brasserie located at 116 W. Thomas St. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Lighthouse Coastal, LLC.

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

8. A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, to vote upon the adoption of amendments to the current City of Hammond Home Rule Charter.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, explained the resolution.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, to vote upon the adoption of amendments to the current City of Hammond Home Rule Charter.

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

9. A resolution to purchase a Cummins ISL Engine from Siddons-Martin Emergency Group and install in a 2018 Pierce Saber Pumper Firetruck (Engine 11) in the amount of \$66,075.14

Charles Borchers, stated the current truck needs a new engine.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to purchase a Cummins ISL Engine from Siddons-Martin Emergency Group and install in a 2018 Pierce Saber Pumper Firetruck (Engine 11) in the amount of \$66,075.14.

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

10. A resolution to purchase a Woods BW 15.72' Batwing Cutter from Star Equipment in the amount of \$28,188.55. State Contract # 4400025551 (Mayor Panepinto)

Charles Borchers, stated the council previously approved the purchase.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to purchase a Woods BW 15.72' Batwing Cutter from Star Equipment in the amount of \$28,188.55. State Contract # 4400025551.

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

Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 4-0

11. A resolution to authorize the purchase of 4 Dodge Durangos from Premier Dodge for a total of \$183,039.00 State Contract # 4400023795

Charles Borchers, stated this was for patrol vehicles and paid for from the mileage and no local dealerships were able to provide the vehicles.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about previous vehicle purchases.

Charles Borchers, explained the prior purchases.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the purchase of 4 Dodge Durangos from Premier Dodge for a total of \$183,039.00 State Contract # 4400023795

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

Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 4-0

12. A resolution to authorize the Purchase of 4 Chevy Tahoes from Ross Downing Cheverolet for a total of \$208,568.00.

Charles Borchers, stated these are from a local vendor.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the purchase of 4 Chevy Tahoes from Ross Downing Chevrolet for a total of \$208,568.00.

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

Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 4-0

13. A resolution 1) accepting a \$236,635 grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program for improvements to Martin Luther King Park; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement.

Charles Borchers, explained the program and that the city received the award and there is no match requirement. He stated this is the amount for the first year.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about the yearly funding.

Charles Borchers, explained and stated this is the amount for the first year.

Councilman Wells entered the meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales 1) accepting a \$236,635 grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program for improvements to Martin Luther King Park; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement.

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

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

14. A resolution 1) accepting a \$300,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for water meter upgrades; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement.

Charles Borchers, explained the item and that this is an appropriation from the state, accepting the appropriation.

Councilman Wells, asked about the meters to be upgraded and expressed his concerns.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews 1) accepting a \$300,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for water meter upgrades; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement.

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

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

15. A resolution 1) accepting a \$305,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for new hangar construction at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, explained the item and stated that this will be added to existing funds to construct up to five hangers that would be owned by the city.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon 1) accepting a \$305,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for new hangar construction at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement

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

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

16. A resolution 1) accepting a \$350,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for downtown street and drainage improvements; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement. (Charles Borchers IV)

Jacqueline Taylor, expressed her concerns about the neighborhoods. She stated that the city should look at neighborhoods and cleaning the ditches and canals. She stated that the people need help.

Councilman Wells, stated that he agrees and that the city should go in and clean the ditches. He stated the people need help.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated the ditch she is talking about is in the drainage district. She stated her email chain to the drainage district goes back to 2022

Councilman Andrews, stated he has reorted this to the drainage district as well.

Charles Borchers, asked if they could send their email thread to drainage district and he will follow-up. **Tanya Turner**, 211 Kansas St., stated that she agrees with Councilman Wells and she has noticed that within the communities, there are a lot of blighted houses. She stated that she believes that they are having problem with the grass being cut and plumbing issues because of the blighted houses. They also have drainage issues and they need the council's help and to get out and talk to the people.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated as city councilman they budgeted money and put things in place for the city administration to put forth what needs to be done. He talked about getting information regarding the blighted houses and getting a list and an update.

Charles Borchers, stated the he has asked code enforcement about this and they are trying to work with the homeowners. They are working on a demolition property list.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales 1) accepting a \$350,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for downtown street and drainage improvements; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement.

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

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

17. A resolution 1) accepting a \$50,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for equipment for the Hammond Police Department; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon 1) accepting a \$50,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for equipment for the Hammond Police Department; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement.

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

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

18. A resolution 1) accepting a \$16,810 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. There is NO match requirement.

Charles Borchers, explained the grant.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about GPS systems on cars.

Charles Borchers, stated it is in process.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon 1) accepting a \$16,810 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. There is NO match requirement.

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

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

19. Approval of Budget Change Form 25-01 merging remaining balance from a FY2022 appropriation to "HAEIDD (#51) Lift Station & Force Main Improvements" (proj. 616-12402) and "DDD Sewer Repairs" (proj. 616-12512).

Jay Pittman, explained the budget change.

Councilman Wells, asked about the Downtown Development District bathroom and back flow.

Charles Borchers, explained the process.

Councilman Wells, asked about sewer issues on White Street.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about Robinson Drive and Brandy Lane.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales for approval of Budget Change Form 25-01 merging remaining balance from a FY2022 appropriation to "HAEIDD (#51) Lift Station & Force Main Improvements" (proj. 616-12402) and "DDD Sewer Repairs" (proj. 616-12512).

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

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

20. Ratify and award bids received 5/9/2024 for "HAEIDD Lift Station & Force Main Improvements [FY2024]" –project no. 616-12402. (Jay Pittman).

Jay Pittman, present the bids for project. Recommends the award to the low bidder NCMC, LLC for \$2,957,000.00.

Councilman Wells, asked about the project.

Charles Borchers, explained the funding for project.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to ratify and award the bid to the low bidder NCMC, LLC for \$2,957,000.00 for "HAEIDD Lift Station & Force Main Improvements [FY2024]" –project no. 616-12402.

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

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

21. Execution of agreement with Sartin Riché Trial Lawyers to conduct investigation of the building department as approved on 11/19/2024 and opportunity for public question and comments.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that there has been many issues within the department and that the City Council needs to hire an attorney.

Attorney Barry Sartin was present to answer questions and explain their position as to why the council should have an investigation. He stated that the council has the ability to investigate and that a super majority was not required. He believes that the vote passed and the council president just needs to hire them by signing off on the contract.

Councilman Wells, asked Mr. Sartin if Andre the City's Attorney has been right or wrong.

Barry Sartin, stated the city attorney has been wrong and he explained his opinion.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that the council didn't define a specified purpose which is required. She stated not everyone is unanimously on board with this item and based on what Mr. Sartin explained she did not vote that and that was not her purpose. She explained what she understood the scope to be and what was stated in previous meeting. She proposed that they revote the investigation and make it very clear the will of the council. She explained her position and understanding.

Councilman Wells, stated that he is not revoting this item and explained his position.

Councilman Andrews, stated that his signature was going to go on whatever documents that comes across. He stated that their lawyer was making his point of how he feels and his interpretation and City Attorney has his interpretation but he went outside and got another attorney to look into this item and he has advised him to get an opinion from the Attorney General's office. He stated he is not signing anything until he hears back from the Attorney General's office.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked the council president if anything has been already submitted to the attorney general's office.

Councilman Andrews, stated it has been drafted, and is on letter head and it will be submitted first thing in the morning.

Councilman DiVittorio, ask that he send him a copy of it.

City Attorney Andre Coudrain, explained the City Charter guidelines and his opinion.

Councilman Wells, expressed his opinion regarding the city attorney advising the council.

Mike Barnholds, 805 Del Mar, spoke about Villa West and stated he applauds the councilman and things should be done properly. He asked about a comment that Councilman Wells made regarding \$50,000 missing at the previous meeting.

Charles Borchers, explained that the auditors looked into it and it has been resolved.

Michal Pirey, 903 Rue St. Michael, spoke about Villa West and the money spent to demolish the parking pad and how can they stop this from happening again.

John Exnicious, 111 North Magnolia Street, thanked Councilman Kip for bringing balance and expressed he concerned about what's going on in the city and he thinks it's possibly a clerical error. He stated they should work together for the good of Hammond and asked how are the outside attorney was chosen.

Stanley Campbell, 8 Fairway View Court, he thanked the council for the work they do. He expressed his concern about the possibility of revoting the item.

Edwin Renee Soule, 42798 Scarlet Circle, stated he wanted to talk about the process and thinks an investigation is needed.

Charle Borchers, explained the audit process.

Councilman Wells, asked if they found the 50K

Charles Borchers, explained that the \$50,000 discrepancy was a reporting error that the auditors had resolved. It was not \$50,000 missing it was a reporting issue where the report was generating twice as many permits.

Dr. Oscar Dantzler Jr, 1203 Apple St, he passed out a document to the council and stated he has issue with the Mayor and Chief of Police. He proceeded to explain the documents he passed out.

Attorney Andre Coudrain, stated that this is off the topic and the subject of federal court litigation

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to table the execution of agreement with Sartin Riché Trial Lawyers to conduct investigation of the building department as approved on 11/19/2024 until an opinion is received from the Attorney General's office.

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

Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion to Table passed 5-0

X. REPORTS:

Mayor: Charles Borchers, Director Administration, stated that the Mayor was out sick. He explained that the EPA requires public water suppliers to provide notices to the public regard possible lead levels in the water. The have several water sampling station that does quality testing and there is no evidence of lead in the city's water system. If anyone has received a letter, it is the requirement of the EPA and there is no lead in the city's water system.

Councilman Wells, asked what lines have been inspected.

Charles Borchers explained the process.

Councilman Wells, asked that as they do the sampling that the city council get a copy of the information. He also mentioned several water lines breaking.

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about light out at entrance at Del Mar coming off Old Baton Rouge Hwy
Oscar Dantzler, wanted to talke about his complaint to the council.

City Attorney Coudrain, advised the council president that the issue that Mr. Dantzler is complaining about was not on the agenda and is a matter that is subject to federal court legislation. He stated that this is not the subject for the city council meeting, it is in federal court and has already been administerd before a Magistrate Judge. Andre stated that he is advising the council that this is not on the agenda and this is inappropriate to address other people that are not present or given notice.

Councilman Wells, suggested that Mr. Dantzler request to be put on the agenda at the next meeting.

Councilman Wells, asked about the drainage on Magnolia Street drainage and Harold Street.

Charles Borhers, stated he did not know but he would find out. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday and to be safe.

Councilman Andrews wished everyone a Happy New Year.

XI. ADJOURN

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

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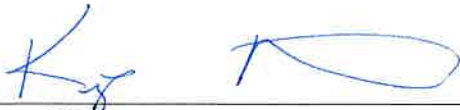
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