



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
AGENDA
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
September 27, 2016
5:30pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman Vice President Johnny Blount
The public hearing was called to order by Vice President Johnny Blount at 5:30 P.M.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Johnny Blount (P), Jason Hood (P), Janice Carter Beard (P), Lemar Marshall (P),
Mike Williams (A)
- III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA
REGULAR SESSION
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
September 27, 2016
6:00 PM or immediately following public hearing.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman Vice President Johnny Blount
Regular session was called to order by Vice President Johnny Blount at 5:32 P.M.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Johnny Blount (P), Jason Hood (P), Janice Carter Beard (P), Lemar Marshall (P),
Mike Williams (A)
- III. PRAYER :** Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.
Lacy Landrum
- V. REPORTS:**
 1. Council: NONE
 2. Mayor: Dr. Lacy Landrum informed council that the City of Hammond had a wonderful Clean Up Day. There were 60 volunteers and they picked up 170 bags of trash this past weekend.
On Saturday, October 1st at the Columbia Theatre from 10am-2pm there will be a craft event for kids where they build a miniature city.

3. Recognition of New Businesses: NONE

VI. Minutes of September 13, 2016: After review it was motioned by Lemar Marshall and second by Janice Carter Beard to approve minutes of September 13, 2016.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (A), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Hammond and Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc. for use of a servitude to install telecommunications equipment and cables. Lacy Landrum, presented this item informed council that this is only limited to Bellsouth. It is not a full usage for any utility provider to come through to use. The space will be shared currently with the sewer in the Phoenix Square area. They will pay \$2500 for this servitude as part of the agreement. Dr. Landrum stated they will install a fence for their access for their equipment.

Councilman Marshall asked if there was a request for proposal process to solicit other companies.

Lacy Landrum stated Bellsouth came to Hammond to request the servitude

Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard asked if Bellsouth would be responsible for any damages to the City's Sewer during the installation.

Lacy Landrum stated yes

City Attorney Andre Coudrain commented that this is not an exclusive agreement. The City could enter into an agreement with other carriers for a similar servitude.

There was a motion by Lemar Marshall and second by Janice Carter Beard authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the City of Hammond and Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc. for use of a servitude to install telecommunications equipment and cables.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (A), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

2. A resolution authorizing Smashburger to sell beer during the Bike Night fundraiser event on Thursday, October 6th, 2016 from 6pm until 9pm in the Hammond Harley Davidson parking lot, located at 1530 South West Railroad Avenue. Jeri Robertson, 1530 Southwest Railroad, Ave., Hammond, LA 70403: Stated that their hosting the Monster Mash Bike Night at Harley Davidson. She informed council they are working with Smashburger, located in Baton Rouge. The Charity that their working with is Blue Star Moms. They will receive 5% of all T-shirts sale for that evening. Ms. Robertson also stated they will have wristbands and will be checking Ids for underage drinkers and each person will only be allowed 2 beers. **There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Lemar Marshall authorizing Smashburger to sell beer during the Bike Night fundraiser event on Thursday, October 6th, 2016 from 6pm until 9pm in the Hammond Harley Davidson parking lot, located at 1530 South West Railroad Avenue.**

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (A), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

3. A resolution authorizing Smashburger to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law on Thursday, October 6th, 2016 from 6pm until 9pm in the Hammond Harley Davidson parking lot, located at 1530 South West Railroad Avenue. Jeri Robertson, 1530 Southwest Railroad, Ave., Hammond, LA 70403 presented this item and requested approval for the waiver of the open container law for this event. **There was a motion by Lemar Marshall and second by Janice Carter Beard authorizing Smashburger to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law on Thursday, October 6th, 2016 from 6pm until 9pm in the Hammond Harley Davidson parking lot, located at 1530 South West Railroad Avenue.**

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (A), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

4. A resolution (1) accepting a \$55,000 Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program Grant to purchase and install generators at Lift Stations 10 and 39; approving a cash match of up to \$25,000; and (3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to sign grant documents. Charles W. Borchers IV, presented this item stated that the council approved the application for the grant and is now asking for approval to accept the grant. The \$25,000 match will come from the Water & Sewer Department. **There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Lemar Marshall (1) accepting a \$55,000 Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program Grant to purchase and install generators at Lift Stations 10 and 39; approving a cash match of up to \$25,000; and (3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to sign grant documents.**

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (A), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

5. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the Illinois Central Railroad Company and the City of Hammond to install a pedestrian crossing at the Hanson Street railroad intersection. Lacy Landrum, presented this item and stated this is an agreement between the City of Hammond & the Illinois Central Railroad Company for this particular crossing. The DDD has already approved funds to pay for this crossing. The location is by Cate Street Seafood Station.

Louise Bostic: 112 Elm Drive, Hammond, LA asked about the safety of the crossing.

Ms. Landrum also informed council that the crossing will improve safety for pedestrians crossing the railroad tracks. She informed Ms. Bostic that rubber mats will be installed for safety.

There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Lemar Marshall authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the Illinois Central Railroad Company and the City of Hammond to install a pedestrian crossing at the Hanson Street railroad intersection.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (A), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

6. A resolution authorizing Central Rexall Drugs to serve alcohol on Friday, October 7th, 2016 from 5:15pm until 7:30pm on the 100 block of North Cypress Street to celebrate their 120th business anniversary. Hayley Taff, 100 North Cypress, Hammond, LA. Presented this item to the council requesting approval. She is a 4th generation owner and they will be celebrating their 120th Anniversary. She stated the public is welcome to attend the celebration. There will be uniformed officers present. They will be checking Ids for underage drinkers and bracelets will be in place for alcohol. **There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Lemar Marshall authorizing Central Rexall Drugs to serve alcohol on Friday, October 7th, 2016 from 5:15pm until 7:30pm on the 100 block of North Cypress Street to celebrate their 120th business anniversary.**

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (A), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

7. A resolution authorizing Central Rexall Drugs to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law on Friday, October 7th, 2016 from 5:15pm until 7:30pm on the 100 block of North Cypress Street to celebrate their 120th business anniversary. Hayley Taff, 100 North Cypress Street, Hammond LA., Central Rexall Drugs requesting waiver of the Open Container Law celebrating their 120th business anniversary. **There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Lemar Marshall authorizing Central Rexall Drugs to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law on Friday, October 7th, 2016 from 5:15pm until 7:30pm on the 100 block of North Cypress Street to celebrate their 120th business anniversary.**

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (A), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

8. A resolution to approve University Express, located at 1217 University Ave., Hammond LA., to obtain a permit to sell High-Low packaged alcohol pending the conditions of the Health and Building inspections are completed and signed. Jinnie Wilson, stated this location is the Old University Chevron next to University Donuts. The new owner completed the application and has been in touch with the health inspector and building department and once these two inspections are completed everything will be in order. The application is for the sale of packaged alcohol.

Zachary Accardo: 16235 Tysler Lane Tickfaw, LA. Representing the owner, was present.

Councilman Johnny Blount informed Mr. Accardo that the sale of alcohol to minors is prohibited and the City will enforce those rules.

There was a motion by Lemar Marshall and second by Janice Carter Beard to approve University Express, located at 1217 University Ave., Hammond LA., to obtain a permit to sell High-Low packaged alcohol pending the conditions of the Health and Building inspections are completed and signed.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (A), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

9. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Southeastern Louisiana University for communication and coordination of law enforcement efforts. Lacy Landrum, presented this information informing the council that the contract describes how the Hammond & Southeastern Police Department work together. There was a motion by Lemar Marshall and second by Jason Hood authorizing the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Southeastern Louisiana University for communication and coordination of law enforcement efforts.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (A), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

10. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Hammond, the Rural Fire Protection District No. 2, and the Hammond Rural Fire Department for the period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2021. John Thomas, informed the council that this agreement with the Rural Fire Protection District will cover everything East of Town outside of City limits all the way to the River. On the West the City assists Baptist Fire Department. The Rural Fire District would like to extend the contract for 5yrs. The Rural Fire District is paying the City for the service. There was a motion by Lemar Marshall and seconded by Janice Carter Beard authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Hammond, the Rural Fire Protection District No. 2, and the Hammond Rural Fire Department for the period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2021.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (A), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 4-0

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to prohibit the obstruction or defacement of fire hydrants.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney presented this item. He informed the council that this was proposed a few years back. Attorney Coudrain stated there are some fire hydrants that are obstructed by shrubbery, plantings, or paint. He stated there is no ordinance that states the guidelines for fire hydrants. This will provide the guidelines and allow for the approval from the Fire Chief for special circumstances regarding painting. There was a motion by Lemar Marshall and second by Janice Carter Beard to introduce an ordinance to prohibit the obstruction or defacement of fire hydrants.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (A), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved to Introduce 4-0

Public Hearing set for October 11th, 2016

2. Introduction of an ordinance to amend the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Gulf Coast Housing to extend the deadline for completion. Lacy Landrum, presented this item. The amendment would extend the deadline up to 3 years for completion of the project and introduces a fee of \$500 per lot if the completion is not meet. She stated that Councilwoman Beard and Attorney Coudrain meet with Gulf Coast Housing regarding the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. There was a motion by Lemar Marshall and second by Janice Carter Beard to introduce an ordinance to amend the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Gulf Coast Housing to extend the deadline for completion.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (A), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved to Introduce 4-0

Public Hearing set for October 11th, 2016

X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Lemar Marshall and second by Janice Carter Beard to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the motion was adjourned.

Motion Approved 4-0

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK
I TONIA BANKS, CLERK OF COUNCIL, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECITATION OF THE BUSINESS TRANACTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD **September 27, 2016** BEING **5 PAGES** IN LENGTH

TONIA BANKS, COUNCIL CLERK
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

JOHNNY BLOUNT, HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT