



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
November 7, 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 5:30pm**
- II. ROLL CALL:** Johnny Blount (P), Jason Hood (P), Janice Carter Beard (P), Lemar Marshall (P), Mike Williams (A)
- III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

**1. An ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget and to transfer \$45,000 from the General Fund (100) Balance to a new project, Phoenix Square Pedestrian Bridge Repair. This FEMA reimbursement project has a cost share of 75% federal and 25% local. Lacy Landrum, presented this item and informed the council that this bridge was damaged in March, during the last fiscal year, and the FEMA money was reimbursed to the general fund. The request is now to take \$45,000 out of the general fund balance to setup a project account devoted to this bridge repair.**

**There were no public comments**

**2. An ordinance declaring movable property as surplus and not needed for a public purpose and providing for a donation to benefit public safety. Lacy Landrum, presented this item and stated that this is a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria to donate to the Roseland Police Department.**

**There were no public comments**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
November 7, 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 5:50 pm**
- 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.  
**Mayor Pete Panepinto**

V. REPORTS:

1. Council: Councilwoman Janice Carte Beard invited Ms. Debra Hampton up to speak concerning an issue in her Neighborhood. Debra Hampton, 1611 Palmetto Road Hammond, stated there are children running wild and unsupervised in her neighborhood. She asked the Council to help with contacting the Landlord of the trailer Park to control the children. Ms. Hampton requested that there be more police patrols in the area.

Mayor Panepinto asked Hammond Police Chief Stewart to respond. Chief Stewart took the Ms. Hampton's address and stated he will increase police patrol in the neighborhood and will follow up with Ms. Hampton.

Councilman Lemar Marshall informed the council that Councilwoman Beard and himself will leave on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November to attend the LHSAA State Swim Meet to obtain information on a possible Aquatic Center in Hammond. He stated others are invited to attend.

2. Mayor: The Shut down and runway repair is on schedule at the Airport.

The Blue Star Memorial will be held this Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> @ Zemurray Park

Women Veterans were honored at a Luncheon at the McKinney Center. Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard was Mistress of Ceremony. Mayor thanked everyone who served and picked up for the luncheon including the Administration.

Back the Blue BBQ this past weekend was a huge success

November 18<sup>th</sup> will be Starry November Nights in downtown Hammond.

He informed everyone that there should be funding toward the Aquatic Center in Hammond

The Mayor encouraged everyone to vote tomorrow

3. Recognition of New Businesses: NONE

VI. Minutes of October 25, 2016: After review it was motioned by Lemar Marshall and second by Janice Carter Beard to approve the minutes of October 11, 2016.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (N), 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 a Memorandum of Understanding between the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles and the City of Hammond for the public license tag agent. Lacy Landrum, presented this item informed the council that is an Annual renewal between City & State for a local office of Motor vehicles.

There was a motion by Jason Hood there was no second to the motion  
The Chair declared that the motion dies for lack of a second

There was a motion by Lemar Marshall and Second by Janice Carter Beard to table a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of Motor Vehicles and the City of Hammond for the public license tag agent.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (N), Mike Williams (A), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y).

Motion Approved to Table 3-1

2. A resolution to authorize the Downtown Development District and its merchants to serve alcohol during the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Starry November Night on Friday, November 18, 2016 from 6:00pm until 10:00pm. The event will include the boundaries of W. & E. Robert Street to W. & E. Coleman St., from N. & S. Magnolia St. to N. & S. Cherry St. Most activity will be located on W. and E. Thomas St., S. Cate St., and N. Cypress St. Austin Miller, from DDD presented this item & informed council it's the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Starry Nights event requesting approval. **There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Lemar Marshall to authorize the Downtown Development District and its merchants to serve alcohol during the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Starry November Night on Friday, November 18, 2016 from 6:00pm until 10:00pm. The event will include the boundaries of W. & E. Robert Street to W. & E. Coleman St., from N. & S. Magnolia St. to N. & S. Cherry St. Most activity will be located on W. and E. Thomas St., S. Cate St., and N. Cypress St.**

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

3. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Downtown Development District Board of Directors and its merchants during the 12th Annual Starry November Night on Friday, November 18, 2016 from 6:00pm until 10:00pm. The event will include the boundaries of W. & E. Robert Street to W. & E. Coleman St., from N. & S. Magnolia St. to N. & S. Cherry St. Most activity will be located on W. and E. Thomas St., S. Cate St., and N. Cypress St. Austin Miller, from DDD requesting approval to obtain a waiver for the Open Container Law. **There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Lemar Marshall to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Downtown Development District Board of Directors and its merchants during the 12th Annual Starry November Night on Friday, November 18, 2016 from 6:00pm until 10:00pm. The event will include the boundaries of W. & E. Robert Street to W. & E. Coleman St., from N. & S. Magnolia St. to N. & S. Cherry St. Most activity will be located on W. and E. Thomas St., S. Cate St., and N. Cypress St.**

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

4. A resolution to approve Rouses Market #61 located at 2704 W. Thomas St., Hammond LA., to obtain a permit to sell packaged High/Low alcohol. The owner is Rouse's Enterprise, LLC. Jinnie Wilson, presented this item asking for approval of packaged alcohol for Rouses that's coming into our neighborhood. They are taking over the Leblanc's grocery store and are asking to be approved to sell packaged alcohol out of the grocery store.

**Keith Moulliet representing the owner was present asked if Council had any Questions?**

**Councilman Lemar Marshall welcomed Rouses to the community**

**There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Lemar Marshall to approve Rouses Market #61 located at 2704 W. Thomas St., Hammond LA., to obtain a permit to sell packaged High/Low alcohol. The owner is Rouse's Enterprise, LLC.**

**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 sign Amendment Number 3 to the Owner-Engineer Agreement between the City of Hammond and Spangler Engineering, LLC for the Drainage Improvements – Phase III project at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport. Engineering fees included in 100% grant from LADOTD/FAA. Total project grant amount is \$725,000 (Includes Construction & engineering). Chuck Spangler, presented this item he stated that in March of 2012 a contract was signed with the City of Hammond. He stated Phase 3 has been identified \$725,000 with an engineering fee associated with it that's stipulated by state fee curve but, Spangler submitted a proposal to administrative to do the work less than the state fee curve by 10 or 15% discount less. This Amendment enforces the proceeding of the work at the airport. **There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Janice Carter Beard authorizing the Mayor to sign Amendment Number 3 to the Owner-Engineer Agreement between the City of Hammond and Spangler Engineering, LLC for the Drainage Improvements – Phase III project at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport. Engineering fees included in 100% grant from LADOTD/FAA. Total project grant amount is \$725,000 (Includes Construction & engineering).**

**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 the Mayor to enter into a local services agreement with Tangipahoa Parish government relative to adjudicated properties. Andre Coudrain, presented this item stated this is our continued effort to deal with adjudicated properties due to the type of issues that arise out of the tax sale purchases. These taxes are unpaid taxes on properties that are adjudicated to the City or to the Parish. This agreement was first proposed in 1998 when Mayor Tallo was the Mayor. City Attorney Andre Coudrain, recommended approval and stated this will help get adjudicated properties back in commerce.

Councilman Lemar Marshall asked a question concerning the agreement between the two governmental agencies waiving the existing taxes. He asked why the waiving would not be included in the resolution.

City Attorney Andre Coudrain said waiving is allowed to the extent allowed by law.

There was a motion by Lemar Marshall and second by Janice Carter Beard authorizing the Mayor to enter into a local services agreement with Tangipahoa Parish government relative to adjudicated properties.

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

7. A resolution 1) accepting a \$17,000 Local Government Assistance Program grant to purchase an emergency generator for the 190 Maintenance Facility; 2) agreeing to a cash match of \$3,000; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to sign grant documents. Charles Borchers IV, presented this item and stated it was presented last year. Mr. Borchers is asking the council to allow the Mayor to sign the contract that was previously approved the application of the match. There was a motion by Jason Hood and second by Janice Carter Beard accepting a \$17,000 Local Government Assistance Program grant to purchase an emergency generator for the 190 Maintenance Facility; 2) agreeing to a cash match of \$3,000; 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

8. A resolution 1) accepting a \$46,800 Louisiana Highway Safety Commission grant to continue overtime DWI, Juvenile Underage Drinking, Seatbelt, and Distracted Driving enforcement; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to sign grant documents. Charles Borchers IV, informed the council that these Grants are a continuation to provide checkpoints. Their also during distractive driving enforcement and the City help the state to pilot last year & it was very successful. Also, was awarded \$46,800 grant this year with no match asking the council to sign grant documents. There was a motion by Lemar Marshall and second by Janice Carter Beard ) accepting a \$46,800 Louisiana Highway Safety Commission grant to continue overtime DWI, Juvenile Underage Drinking, Seatbelt, and Distracted Driving enforcement; and 2) 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

9. A resolution accepting a \$5,000 Entergy Charitable Foundation grant to install new computers in the Michael J. Kenney Center's Computer Lab; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to sign grant documents. Charles Borchers IV, presented this item and informed the council that this is the \$5,000 grant from the Entergy Charitable Foundation there is no match. This will assist in the purchase of 7 all in one computers. There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Lemar Marshall accepting a \$5,000 Entergy Charitable Foundation grant to install new computers in the Michael J. Kenney Center's Computer Lab; and 2) 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

10. A resolution 1) accepting a \$12,600 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant to purchase new and replacement vests for Police officers; 2) agreeing to a cash match of \$12,600; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to sign grant documents. Charles Borchers IV, presented this item informing the council that this is another grant that was brought to the council for the permission to submit. We are required to match the amount \$12,600 a \$1 for \$1 matching grant the combine amount

will be able to purchase the minimal of 28 vest there may be more vest purchased due to the price has gone down.

There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Lemar Marshall 1) accepting a \$12,600 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant to purchase new and replacement vests for Police officers; 2) agreeing to a cash match of \$12,600; 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

11. A resolution to transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund (100) balance to Recreation Programs- Fixed Assets (10050500-570000) to purchase computers and equipment for the computer lab. Lacy Landrum, presented this item informing the council that goal is to double the size of the computer labs. This will be a multipurpose room and teaching seniors how to use computers. There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Lemar Marshall to transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund (100) balance to Recreation Programs- Fixed Assets (10050500-570000) to purchase computers and equipment for the computer lab.

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

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget and to transfer \$45,000 from the General Fund (100) Balance to a new project, Phoenix Square Pedestrian Bridge Repair. This FEMA reimbursement project has a cost share of 75% federal and 25% local.

There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Lemar Marshall to adopt an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget and to transfer \$45,000 from the General Fund (100) Balance to a new project, Phoenix Square Pedestrian Bridge Repair. This FEMA reimbursement project has a cost share of 75% federal and 25% local.

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

2. Final adoption of an ordinance declaring movable property as surplus and not needed for a public purpose and providing for a donation to benefit public safety. There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Lemar Marshall to adopt an ordinance declaring movable property as surplus and not needed for a public purpose and providing for a donation to benefit public safety. Motion Approved 4-0

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

#### IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING

1. An Introduction of an ordinance to transfer \$12,600.00 from fund 205 court awarded assets to project account 25120000-540167-21703 to purchase bullet proof vests. Charles Borchers IV, informed council that this is to transfer \$12,600.00 from fund 205 to purchase bullet proof vest. There was a motion by Lemar Mararahall and second by Janice Carter Beard to introduce an ordinance to transfer \$12,600.00 from fund 205 court awarded assets to project account 25120000-540167-21703 to purchase bullet proof vest.

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

Public Hearing Set for November 22, 2016

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

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 TRANSACTED AT  
THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD **November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
BEING **6 PAGES** IN LENGTH

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TONIA BANKS, COUNCIL CLERK  
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

  
VICE PRESIDENT **JOHNNY BLOUNT**, HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL