

**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
October 25, 2016  
5:30pm**

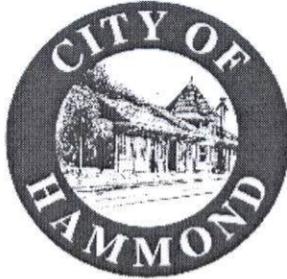
- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman President Mike Williams  
**The public hearing was called to order by Councilman Mike Williams at 5:30 P.M.**
- II. ROLL CALL:** Johnny Blount (P ), Jason Hood (P ), Janice Carter Beard (P ), Lemar Marshall (P ), Mike Williams (P )
- III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

**1. An Ordinance for Annexation into the Hammond City Limits, Initial Zoning to I-L, and to be placed in City Council District #1 requested by Gemma Holdings, LLC for 8.88 Acres located at 44617 S. Airport Rd. in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 8/4/2004 (Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission)(Z-2016-08-00031).** Lacy Landrum presented this item stating that this is an annexation into the Hammond City Limits on the west side of Airport Road. Dr. Landrum stated there are no residential structures, it's located in District #1, and no objections had been received by the Planning & Zoning Office. The Tangipahoa Registers of Voters has provided a letter of no objections.

**There were no public comments.**

**2. An Ordinance for Annexation into the Hammond City Limits, Initial Zoning to I-L, and to be placed in City Council District #1 requested by Edson Group LP for 11.76 Acres located at 44560 S. Airport Rd. in accordance with survey by Dennis L. Gowin dated 12/13/2005 (Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission)(Z-2016-08-00032).** Lacy Landrum presented this item stating that this is an annexation on the east side of Airport Road. There are no residents in this area, it's in District #1, and no objections had been received by the Planning & Zoning Office. The Tangipahoa Registers of Voters has provided a letter of no objections.

**There were no public comments.**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
October 25, 2016**

6:00 PM or immediately following public hearing.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman President Mike Williams  
Regular Session was called to order by Councilman Mike Williams at 5:32 P.M.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Johnny Blount (P), Jason Hood (P), Janice Carter Beard (P), Lemar Marshall (P),  
Mike Williams (P)
- III. PRAYER :** Janice Carter Beard
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.  
Mayor Panepinto
- V. REPORTS:**
1. **Council:** Councilman Mike Williams stated that he asked Parish President Robby Miller to come to speak on the 1% tax. He stated that the public should understand what this tax is about and how it affects the city.
- A. Parish President Robby Miller 1% tax renewal:** Spoke in favor of the renewal and that this tax is a very important to the operations of the Parish. He stated this is a primary funding source for the Tangipahoa Government. Three-quarters of the funding goes to roads and bridges while the remaining one-quarter goes to the general fund
- Councilwoman Janice Cater Beard:** Asked if the Parish pays the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Marshal for certain matters as required by State law.
- Parish President Robby Miller** thanked the Council for the opportunity to present.
- Councilman Jason Hood:** Asked about the impact of the flood on millages in the Parish and whether there would be reassessments by the Assessor's Office. President Miller said the small reassessments will be offset by the growth, so he believes there will be a relatively a flat impact on property taxes.
- Councilman Lemar Marshall:** Recognized Parish President Robby Miller who announced a meeting concerning a summer food program for children 2-17years of age throughout the Parish from Manchac to Kentwood. He stated that they're working with a USDA group that manages the grants, so the kids could have 2 meals a day throughout the summer. Parish President stated that improving the nutrition of our children helps them in school, getting a better education and improving children's health at an early age.
2. **Mayor:** Airport construction on the runway starting next Tuesday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> will lead to total shut down for 2 weeks.
- Afterschool Program is successful with 115 signed up. The program is doing great.
- Kitchen will be open for the summer at Michael J. Kenney Center.
- Halloween trick or treating hours are 5-8pm on October 31.
- Veterans Day Luncheon is Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 11 A.M. at the Michael J. Kenney Center.

**3. Recognition of New Businesses: NONE**

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

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

**Motion Approved 4-0**

**VII. RESOLUTIONS**

**A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. A resolution to approve the updated Capital Improvement Plan for the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport. David Lobue** presented this item and stated that this is the annual update of the 5-year construction and development plan. The taxiway lighting rehabilitation was added to the list for 2017 after they found aging issues with the lighting. The City has added matching funds which will increase the chance of funding from the State.

**There was a motion by Lemar Marshall and second by Janice Carter Beard to approve the updated Capital Improvement Plan for the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport.**

**Vote:** Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). **Motion Approved 5-0**

**2. A resolution (1) accepting up to \$725,000 in Airport Construction and Development Priority Program funding for "Airfield Drainage Improvements—Phase III (Construction)" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and (2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to sign grant documents. David Lobue** presented this item informing the Council that the State is fully funding the project. This will allow some much needed work at the Airport to be fixed. The State will produce a contract for the City to sign and then they will get bids for the work. **There was a motion by Johnny Blount and second by Janice Carter Beard 1) accepting up to \$725,000 in Airport Construction and Development Priority Program funding for "Airfield Drainage Improvements—Phase III (Construction)" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and (2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to sign grant documents.**

**Vote:** Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). **Motion Approved 5-0**

**3. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to request proposals for the redevelopment of the Zemurray Park Pool. Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard** presented this item stating that this would be an opportunity to bring the pool to a greater standard. She also informed the Council that the City should look at an aquatic center to make the City of Hammond a destination. There is some funding already for the pool. Her research shows there is no other pool around the Northshore that's for public use. She would like the pool improvements for the future and the growth of the City of Hammond. **There was a motion by Lemar Marshall and second by Janice Carter Beard authorizing the Mayor to request proposals for the redevelopment of the Zemurray Park Pool.**

**Mayor Panepinto:** Stated that he's looking to get a focus group to gather ideas of the pool. He stated he would be pushing hard to improve the Zemurray pool.

**Councilman Marshall:** Informed the Council that this is a great idea to improve the footprint of Zemurray Park. He stated this would be a major change for our City. He wants to take the time to look into it because he supports the redevelopment of the Zemurray pool.

**Vote:** Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). **Motion Approved 5-0**

**4. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$66,000 Assistance to Firefighters Grant application to purchase rescue equipment and radios for the Hammond Fire Department; and 2) supporting a cash match of \$6,600. Charles W. Borchers IV presented this item informing the Council that the cash match would be coming from the Fire Millage. The rescue equipment is trenching and confined space equipment and the radios will be the standard radios. There was a motion by Lemar Marshall and second by Janice Carter Beard 1) supporting the submission of a \$66,000 Assistance to Firefighters Grant application to purchase rescue equipment and radios for the Hammond Fire Department; and 2) supporting a cash match of \$6,600.**

**Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 5-0**

**5. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$23,726 Good Neighbor Citizenship Company Grant application to hire tutors for the HOPE Afterschool Program. Charles W. Borchers IV stated that this grant was to support 2 tutors for the Afterschool Program. He stated there is not match for this program, so no cost to the City.**

**Councilman Marshall: Asked who sponsors the Good Neighbor Citizenship?  
Charles Borchers IV: State Farm**

**There was a motion by Lemar Marshall and second by Janice Carter Beard supporting the submission of a \$23,726 Good Neighbor Citizenship Company Grant application to hire tutors for the HOPE Afterschool Program.**

**Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 5-0**

**6. A resolution supporting the submission of a Fire Prevention Grant application of up to \$6,500 to purchase fire prevention and safety education kits and digital cameras for the Fire Prevention Bureau. Charles W. Borchers IV informed the Council that this grant is created by FM Global to support fire departments for pre-fire planning, fire prevention education, and training. The education kits teach children how to minimize their risk of injury from fire. The digital cameras are to improve the ability to conduct fire inspections and investigations. There is no match on the grant. There was a motion by Lemar Marshall and second by Janice Carter Beard supporting the submission of a Fire Prevention Grant application of up to \$6,500 to purchase fire prevention and safety education kits and digital cameras for the Fire Prevention Bureau.**

**Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 5-0**

**7. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement on behalf of the City of Hammond with SRI Incorporated for the collection of delinquent taxes. Lacy Landrum presented this item informing the Council that this contract has been reviewed by Hammond City Attorney Andre Coudrain. This is to engage a consultant to help with the mailing of delinquent property taxes. It's no cost to the City because the charges are added to delinquent taxes that are already due. Lacy Landrum stated that the City will still do tax sales. There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Johnny Blount authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement on behalf of the City of Hammond with SRI Incorporated for the collection of delinquent taxes.**

**Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 5-0**

**8. A resolution to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the questionnaire. Lacy Landrum informed the Council that this is a requirement we do each year. This is certifying to the auditors that we have followed the State rules with the regards to public bids, publications, and open meetings. There was a motion by Johnny Blount and second by Janice Carter Beard to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the questionnaire.**

**Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 5-0**

9. A resolution approving "Budget Change Form 17-03" transferring \$66,000 from "Sidewalk Improvements" (Project #420-11706) and \$40,000 from "Concrete Street Repairs-Edwin Neill" (Project #420-11715) to "Drainage Improvements [FY2017]"; ( Project #420-11707).

Webb Anderson presented this item to the Council informing that this draining project covers Magazine Street, Merry Street, the Airport, Laurel Drive, and Whitmar Acres. The two alternates are for sidewalks on Magazine and Merry Street to be installed after the drainage work is complete. **There was a motion by Johnny Blount and second by Lemar Marshall approving "Budget Change Form 17-03" transferring \$66,000 from "Sidewalk Improvements" (Project #420-11706) and \$40,000 from "Concrete Street Repairs-Edwin Neill" (Project #420-11715) to "Drainage Improvements [FY2017]"; ( Project #420-11707).**

**Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 5-0**

10. A resolution to ratify and award bids received October 21, 2016 for "Drainage Improvements FY 2017." Webb Anderson presented this item and informed the Council that four bids were received. The lowest bid was Stranco, LLC, for \$665, 870. He recommended approval to award the bid to Stranco, LLC. **There was a motion by Johnny Blount and second by Lemar Marshall to ratify and award bids received October 21, 2016 for "Drainage Improvements FY 2017."**

**Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 5-0**

#### VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance for Annexation into the Hammond City Limits, Initial Zoning to I-L, and to be placed in City Council District #1 requested by Gemma Holdings, LLC for 8.88 Acres located at 44617 S. Airport Rd. in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 8/4/2004 (Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission)(Z-2016-08-00031).

There was a motion by Johnny Blount and second by Lemar Marshall to adopt an Ordinance for Annexation into the Hammond City Limits, Initial Zoning to I-L, and to be placed in City Council District #1 requested by Gemma Holdings, LLC for 8.88 Acres located at 44617 S. Airport Rd. in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 8/4/2004 (Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission) (Z-2016-08-00031).

**Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 5-0**

2. Final adoption of an Ordinance for Annexation into the Hammond City Limits, Initial Zoning to I-L, and to be placed in City Council District #1 requested by Edson Group LP for 11.76 Acres located at 44560 S. Airport Rd. in accordance with survey by Dennis L. Gowin dated 12/13/2005 (Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission)(Z-2016-08-00032).

There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Jason Hood to adopt an Ordinance for Annexation into the Hammond City Limits, Initial Zoning to I-L, and to be placed in City Council District #1 requested by Edson Group LP for 11.76 Acres located at 44560 S. Airport Rd. in accordance with survey by Dennis L. Gowin dated 12/13/2005 Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission) (Z-2016-08-00032).

**Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 5-0**

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

**1. Introduction 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. Lacy Landrum presented this item and informed the Council that this is in District #3 near the intersection of Phoenix Square and Mooney. FEMA will pay for 75% of this cost, and the City will bear 25% of the cost. The transfer includes the \$33,513 of the FEMA reimbursement plus the City's portion of \$11,487, which is the 25% match. Because the storm occurred in March, which was the last fiscal year, the FEMA money was reimbursed to the general fund. The request is now to take \$45,000 out of the fund balance to setup a project account devoted to this bridge repair. There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Lemar Marshall to introduce 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 (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 5-0  
Public Hearing is set for November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**2. Introduction of an ordinance declaring movable property as surplus and not needed for a public purpose and providing for a donation to benefit public safety. Jana Thurman presented this item and stated that she's asking the Council to surplus a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria and then to authorize the Mayor to donate it to the Roseland Police Department. There was a motion by Janice Carter Beard and second by Lemar Marshall to introduce an ordinance declaring movable property as surplus and not needed for a public purpose and providing for a donation to benefit public safety.**

**Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Johnny Blount (Y). Motion Approved 5-0**

**Public Hearing Set for November 7, 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 meeting 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 **October 25, 2016** BEING **6 PAGES** IN LENGTH

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**TONIA BANKS, COUNCIL CLERK  
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK**

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**MIKE WILLIAMS, HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT**