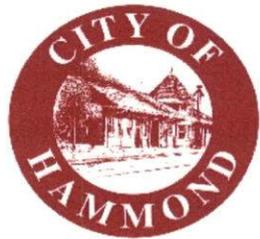




**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
January 09, 2018
5:30pm**

I. Council President Blount announced that there were no agenda items for the public hearing and went immediately to the Regular Meeting.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
January 09, 2018
6:00pm Immediately following Public Hearing.**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Johnny Blount
Regular Session was called to order by President Johnny Blount @ 5:31 pm

II. ROLL CALL: Johnny Blount (P), Jason Hood (P), Janice Carter Beard (P), Lemar Marshall (P), Mike Williams (P)

III. PRAYER: Carl West

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Council:

Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard: Informed the council that a citizen Mr. Brett Starwood was denied a mobile home in the area of Mississippi & Natchez Street but, there is another mobile home allowed in the same area.

Mayor: Stated he spoke with Mr. Starwood, Planning & Zoning & Council approved the mobile home to allow an elderly person to live there and only for his personal use.

Brett Starwood: 216 Choctaw Road, Lafayette LA. Stated his complaint was the council allowed someone else to place a mobile home 300 ft., from where he asked on the exact same street but, he was denied. When he purchased the property there was a mobile home on the property. He asked the City to place the water lines down so he can connect to them.

Mayor: Stated that Mr. Starwood would have to run lines and rules apply to all.

Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard: Stated she didn't understand why he was denied due to other mobile homes in the area.

2. Mayor: He attended the Regional Planning Commission Meeting and they emphasized that cities will have to pay more money in matching funds from the federal government.

Holy Ghost 8th Graders came in to tour the City, Jail, & Airport

The City has collected 92% of the property taxes and as of 1-9-2018 is \$4.2 Million

3. Recognition of New Businesses: NONE

VI. Minutes of December 26, 2017: After review it was motioned by **Councilman Jason Hood** and second by **Councilman Mike Williams** to approve the minutes of December 26, 2017.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to authorize Vanguard Race, LLC to sell and serve alcohol at North Cypress Fitness Center at 1606 South Magnolia Street, Hammond, Louisiana on North Cypress Parking lot race area on Saturday, February 17, 2018, from 7:00am – 3:00pm. David Poletto, presented this information and stated he has put on sporting events for 18yrs. He stated he's hosting an event at North Cypress Fitness that's an obstacle course race. This is the first time hosting one in the Hammond area.

Councilman Mike Williams: Asked if this is only in the Parking lot of North Cypress Fitness

David Poletto: Informed Councilman Williams that the event will stay in the Parking Lot of North Cypress Fitness and someone will be checking IDs.

There was a motion by **Councilman Jason Hood** and second by **Councilman Mike Williams** to authorize Vanguard Race, LLC to sell and serve alcohol at North Cypress Fitness Center at 1606 South Magnolia Street, Hammond, Louisiana on the North Cypress Parking lot on Saturday, February 17, 2018, from 7:00am – 3:00pm.

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

2. A resolution to authorize Vanguard Race, LLC to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law at North Cypress Fitness Center at 1606 South Magnolia Street, Hammond, Louisiana on North Cypress Parking lot race area on Saturday, February 17, 2018, from 7:00am – 3:00pm. David Poletto, informed council that the event will be on the parking lot of North Cypress Fitness. There was a motion by **Councilman Mike Williams** and second by **Councilman Jason Hood** to authorize Vanguard Race, LLC to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law at North Cypress Fitness Center at 1606 South Magnolia Street, Hammond, Louisiana on North Cypress Parking lot on Saturday, February 17, 2018, from 7:00am – 3:00pm.

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

3. A resolution to transfer \$8,173.00 from the available surplus funds from the close-out of FY2017 Street Improvements (420-11713) to Miscellaneous Sidewalk Improvements (420-11805). Lacy Landrum, informed council that the transfer is for the purpose of the Morris/Cypress sidewalk project. The proposal is a three way split of this project and contract total for the construction is \$76,000.00, the Architectural fees \$8, 518.00 which bring the total of the project to \$84,518.00. The City, DDD, & Andre Theriot (3) way split total is \$28, 173.00. \$20,000 is already in the budget, she is requesting approval to transfer an additional \$8,173.00.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: asked how much money is remaining in the Sidewalk repair Budget

Lacy Landrum: Informed Councilman Marshall that at time she wasn't sure of how much money is left.

Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard: Asked was this sidewalk project budgeted?

Lacy Landrum: Stated that this sidewalk had not specifically budgeted. There was \$20,000.00 budgeted in Capital outlay for Miscellaneous Sidewalks. She is requesting an additional \$8,173.00 for this project.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: Stated if only \$20,000.00 was budgeted for entire City, this would take all money from the budget for this project and we would have to move money from somewhere else for other projects.

Lacy Landrum: There is also money budgeted for sidewalk repairs of \$40,000.00 in the streets department that goes to the repair of sidewalks throughout the year. The Capital Outlay is for new sidewalk projects and there is also sidewalk repair money that is in the streets department budget.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: asked why we wouldn't take the money out of the repair budget and leave it in the Capital Project Budget.

Mayor: Stated this is the choice that the City made and thinks it's a good idea for the City.

There was a motion by **Councilman Mike Williams** and second by **Councilman Jason Hood** to transfer \$8,173.00 from the available surplus funds from the close-out of FY2017 Street Improvements (420-11713) to Miscellaneous Sidewalk Improvements (420-11805).

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

4. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Roofing Solutions for \$43,680.00 to remove and replace existing PBR panel roof system for Hanger #15. Jana Thurman, informed the council that this was in the budget for \$40,000.00 and the Streets Department will come up with the additional \$3,680.00 out of their sales tax account and recommends the contract to Roofing Solutions for \$43,680.00. There was a motion by **Councilman Jason Hood** and second by **Councilman Mike Williams** to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Roofing Solutions for \$43,680.00 to remove and replace existing PBR panel roof system for Hanger #15.

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

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to award the contract to Ronald Morse Construction Inc., for \$76,000.00 for the "Morris & Cypress Sidewalk Improvements" Project. Jeffrey Smith, presented this item informing the council that this is the contract for the Morris & Cypress Sidewalk Project. This is a great project for the area and the City and recommends awarding the contract to Ronald Morse Construction Inc., as the low bidder in the amount of \$76,000.00. There was a motion by **Councilman Mike Williams** and second by **Councilman Jason Hood** to award the contract to Ronald Morse Construction Inc., for \$76,000.00 for the "Morris & Cypress Sidewalk Improvements" Project.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to transfer \$26,419.89 from the General Fund Balance (Fund 100) for Microsoft software renewals. Marcus McMillian, presented this item informing the council that these are renewals for additional machines that were not budgeted. These are renewals for True up which is paid at the end of every year for additional machines that we add throughout the City throughout the year. We are at the end of the three year contract and the True Up cost is the \$26,419.89

Councilman Lemar Marshall: Is this going to affect the ending fund balance for this line item & what is the status for the ending fund balance.

Lacy Landrum: Informed Councilman Marshall that she will ask Syeda for an update. Stated Syeda just finished the audit and will perform a new end fund balance based on the audit numbers.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: Asked if the council could receive information on how many times the ending balance has been adjusted for this year, and how much money has been added to the budget after the budget has been approved.

Lacy Landrum: stated the information would be provided.

There was a motion by **Councilman Jason Hood** and second by **Councilman Mike Williams** to introduce an ordinance to transfer \$26,419.89 from the General Fund Balance (Fund 100) for Microsoft software renewals.

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

Public Hearing is set for January 23, 2018

X. **ADJOURN:** There was a motion by **Councilman Lemar Marshall** and second by **Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard** to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. Motion Approved 5-0

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 TRANSACTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD **January 9, 2018** BEING **4 PAGES** IN LENGTH

**TONIA BANKS
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK**

**PRESIDENT LEMAR MARSHALL
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL**