



HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
April 24, 2018
5:30pm

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice President Mike Williams
Public Hearing was called to order by Council Vice President Mike Williams at 5:30pm.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Johnny Blount (A), Jason Hood (P), Janice Carter Beard (P), Lemar Marshall (P), Mike Williams (P)
- III. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. An Ordinance to adopt and establish a Tax on all the taxable property within the Corporate limits of Hammond for the Year 2018.

Public Works:	2.00 Mills
General Fund:	9.04 Mills
Police & Fire:	10.00 Mills
Total	21.04

Jinnie Wilson, presented this item and stated this is to set and adopt mileage rates for 2018. There is nothing changing from last year it's not a reassessment or roll forward year.

Councilman Mike Williams: Asked how is this translated to dollars?

Jinnie Wilson: 1 Mill = \$1.00 for each \$1,000 of taxable assed value. The assessed value is only 10% of your actual value.

There were no further Comments



HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
April 24, 2018
6:00pm Immediately following Public Hearing.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice President Mike Williams
Regular Session was called to order at 5:40pm
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Johnny Blount (A), Jason Hood (P), Janice Carter Beard (P), Lemar Marshall (P), Mike Williams (P)
- III. **PRAYER:** Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard

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

V. REPORTS:

1. Council: NONE

Vice President Mike Williams introduced the Hammond High 4-H Tech Club

A. GIS Presentation- Hammond High 4-H Tech Club

The following 4-H Club presenters: Vibriyogn Epuri, Maurice Watts, & Hayley Anthony presented information on GIS for quality of life improvements in Tangipahoa Parish. The 4H Tech Club has been doing projects for two years and in September of 2017 it kicked off at the Hammond Recreation Center. They shared information from their Service Learning Project Overview pertaining to visual conditions of curb ramps in the downtown Hammond area. The 4-H Club wanted the Councilmembers to know this was to ensure accessibility for everyone, especially our citizens with disabilities, mothers with small children, and Senior Citizens. They presented information on ADA & Visual Compliant ramp curbs. They presented their Field Work Day data collection, the equipment that was used in this project, and online platform aids in visualizing and understanding the data via maps. The PowerPoint identified Visual compliant ramp curbs, ramp curbs in need of repair, & non-compliant ramp curbs. Next year the 4-H Tech Club project will consist of information into Tangipahoa Parish's Health. The Club thanked Mayor Panepinto, Hammond City Council, Hammond Recreation Center, Hammond High Magnet School, Global Geospatial Institute, Tangipahoa Parish Library Hammond Branch, Tangi Stem, Chris Fox and Petty Officer Fox, City of Hammond GIS, Presentation template by SlidesCarnival, & HHMS Robotics.

Councilman Mike Williams thanked the 4H Club for their hard work & TEAM Hammond will look into the concerns of the presented information.

B. Shelley Hendrix of the Merakey Autism Center was recognized.

Shelley Hendrix: 319 Wilton Dr., Baton Rouge La. (Marketing), Thanked Councilman Marshall for his interest in the center and informed the Council that Autism impacts one out of 68 million people in the USA. If kids get access to appropriate treatment care at during their childhood years it helps them to function independently.

Councilman Lemar Marshall asked how many people the center will be hiring.

Shelley Hendrix- Depending on the amount of kids 150-200 employees on Clinical side

Charity Bankston: 30424 Dawson Lane Hammond La. (Operations Director), Stated that their new education and Autism Center Merakey Autism Center started in Baton Rouge and has been open for 1 year and in Hammond the clinic opened the beginning of April 2018. They serve kids ages 2-21 with Autism and other disabilities. She stated they are excited to be doing work in Hammond & providing services.

Charity Bankston: Also informed Council they are accepting Child Care Assistance for all children despite the family financial ability to pay.

Tytona Holliday: 11550 South Ford Baton Rouge La. (Site Director) explained the services offered by the Clinic which are ABA Therapy Services, Specialized Therapy Services, & Be Me Center. She informed the council that the Clinic can hold up to 94 children in the clinic.

Shelley Hendrix: Stated the open house will be tomorrow at 12:30pm- 4pm and the ribbon cutting will be at 1:30 pm.

2. Mayor: Recognized Merakey Autism & welcomed them to the City of Hammond. He also thanked the 4-H club for their work. On Saturday he attended the 5K walk at run at Zemurray Park for Mr. Zeke Douglas. The B-17 Bomber is at the airport- tours and rides are available. This aircraft is a museum that's sharing information of the many people who died in the aircraft. On Wednesday, April 25 is the State cleanest City judging & Team Hammond is out working hard picking up litter.

3. Recognition of New Businesses: NONE

VI. Minutes of April 10, 2018: After review it was motioned by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard and second by Councilman Jason Hood to approve the minutes of April 10, 2018.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to renew the insurance coverage for the City of Hammond for the period of May 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019. Don Stiel, Stiel Insurance Services 118 S.W. Railroad Ave., Hammond, presented this item informing the council he recommends moving to Travelers Insurance for commercial package policy. The administration of claims by York and everything is basically the same from prior years.

There was a motion by Councilman Jason Hood and second by Councilman Lemar Marshall authorizing the Mayor to renew the insurance coverage for the City of Hammond for the period of May 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019.

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

2. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an open end contract with Beverly Construction, For Limestone for the fiscal year 2018-2019. Price per ton Jana Thurman, asked the Council to amend the agenda to read: to authorize the Mayor to enter into an open end contract with HAMPTON CONSTRUCTION. It was over the \$30,000.00 threshold and this why it's before the council to ask for Approval.

Councilman Lemar Marshall asked was it changed from Beverly Construction due the low bid from Hampton Construction.

Jana Thurman: Stated yes

There was a motion by Councilman Jason Hood and second by Councilwoman Janice Cater Beard to amend the agenda to authorize the Mayor to enter into an open end contract with HAMPTON CONSTRUCTION.

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

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

3. A resolution to purchase 2 (Two) 2018 F250 Extended Cab, 8' Service Body trucks for the Water & Sewer Department from Bill Hood Ford on State Contract #4400010204 for a total of \$56,492.82. Jana Thurman, informed the Council that these (2) trucks will replace one truck that has been surplus and one on the way out to be surplus and is on the state contract – she is requesting approval from the council.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to purchase 2 (Two) 2018 F250 Extended Cab, 8' Service Body trucks for the Water & Sewer Department from Bill Hood Ford on State Contract #4400010204 for a total of \$56,492.82.

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

4. A resolution to approve The Smokin' Kitchen located at 2770 W. Church St., Suite #5 Hammond, La., 70403 to sell High/Low Alcohol on premise. The owner is The Smokin' Kitchen, LLC. Jinnie Wilson, informed council that this is a new ownership of a local restaurant that was at this location. The owner has applied for restaurant with serving alcohol and has met all qualifications.

Owner Present: Courtney Cryer, Ponchatoula La.

Vice President Mike Williams: Informed Mr. Cryer of the rules against serving alcohol to minors and owner stated he understood. Expected to be open May 5, 2018

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

5. A resolution to ratify and award bids received on April 20, 2018 for "Drainage Improvements [FY 2018]" (Project #420-11806) to the low bidder, Warner Trucking, Inc., in the amount of \$691, 537.50. Webb Anderson, presented this item and stated that Warner Trucking., was the low bidder in the amount of \$691,537.50 and is within budget.

Councilman Jason Hood: Asked if there was a time frame on the preconstruction meeting

Webb Anderson: Stated once contracts are sent out it would be about 3 weeks he would ask for a work schedule and email the council the work schedule.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance to adopt and establish a Tax on all the taxable property within the Corporate limits of Hammond for the Year 2018. (Jinnie Wilson)

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General Fund:	9.04 Mills
<u>Police & Fire:</u>	<u>10.00 Mills</u>
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Jinnie Wilson asked if there were any comments from the public
There were no comments from the public

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to adopt and establish a Tax on all the taxable property within the corporate limits of Hammond for the Year 2018.

Public Works:	2.00 Mills
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<u>Police & Fire:</u>	<u>10.00 Mills</u>
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Vote: Jason Hood (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Mike Williams (Y), Lemar Marshall (Y), Johnny Blount (A). Motion Approved 4-0

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Unit #595- 2005 Dodge Durango, VIN# 1D4HD38N85F593218

Unit #758- 2009 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN# 2FAHP71V89X123681

Unit #764- 2009 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN# 2FAHP71V59X123685

Unit #510- 2000 GMC, VIN# 1GDP7H1C3YJ526819

3 Point Hitch Sprayer 55 gallon tank

125 Gallon Sprayer with Cross Boom

Model FS520 Walk Behind Saw

Jana Thurman, informed the council that these are vehicles with major mechanical issues and the (3) other items are no longer needed. She is asking for approval to sell on GovsDeal.com

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Jason Hood to introduce an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the items listed below to sell on GovsDeal.com

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

Public Hearing set for May 8, 2018

2. Introduction of an ordinance to approve and declare police confiscated bikes as surplus and to be donated to churches and other non-profit organizations. There are 13 seized bikes. Jana Thurman, presented this item informing the council that these bikes have been held for over 6 months and no has come to claim them and would like to donate them to the nonprofit organizations.

There was a motion by Councilman Jason Hood and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to introduce an ordinance to approve and declare police confiscated bikes as surplus and to be donated to churches and other non-profit organizations. There are 13 seized bikes.

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

Public Hearing set for May 8, 2018

3. Introduction of an ordinance declaring an Emergency Restraint Chair surplus property and providing for a donation to benefit public safety to the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office.

Jana Thurman, stated that this chair was purchased in 2008 and when purchased they did not know that a nurse has to be on site 24/7. The Sheriff Office has a nurse on site and she is asking for Council approval to donate it to TPSO.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Jason Hood to introduce an ordinance declaring an Emergency Restraint Chair surplus property and providing for a donation to benefit public safety to the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office.

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

Public Hearing set for May 8, 2018

4. Introduction of an ordinance to approve "Budget Change Form 18-09" transferring \$125,000 from "Michael J Kenney Center – Recreation" (Sales Tax Fund 203) to "Parking Improvements [FY2018]" (Project 420-11711), for a revised project budget of \$200,000. Webb Anderson, presented this item to the council this for additional parking for the Michael Kenny Center.

Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard: Asked about the location of the parking

Webb Anderson: Between Washington and the Kenny Center in the grass area for additional parking

Councilman Mike Williams: How many spots approximately will be added?

Webb Anderson: 36 to 38 additional parking spaces

Councilman Lemar Marshall: Asked if this spot would be better used for expandable space for Kenny Center.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard and second by Councilman Jason Hood to introduce an ordinance to approve "Budget Change Form 18-09" transferring \$125,000 from

“Michael J Kenney Center – Recreation” (Sales Tax Fund 203) to “Parking Improvements [FY2018]” (Project 420-11711), for a revised project budget of \$200,000.

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

Public Hearing set for May 8, 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.

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 **April 24, 2018** BEING **6 PAGES** IN LENGTH

TONIA BANKS
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

MIKE WILLIAMS
BY COUNCIL

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