



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
October 9th, 2018
5:30pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Vice President, Councilman Mike Williams
- II. ROLL CALL:** Johnny Blount (A), Jason Hood (P), Janice Carter Beard (P), Lemar Marshall (P), Mike Williams (P)

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to Amend Chapter 28 regarding regulatory street signs. Councilman Jason Hood, stated the ordinance provides the information regarding the street signs but, would answer any questions.

Robert Morgan: Discussed current procedures for street signs he stated new signs require the Police Chief, Mayor, Engineer, Public Works Director, & Director of Streets Dept. the conversation is based on the criteria of each individual location and meet a certain criteria. In the last 6-8 years there have been at least 7 or 8 changes.

Councilman Jason Hood: Informed Robert Morgan he has done a great job but, thinks the Council should have input.

Robert Morgan: The MUTCD (**Manual for Unified Traffic Control Devices**) decides how to put up new signs.

Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard: Asked about signs on Oak Street and how are people notified when new signs are placed.

Robert Morgan: Usually it's advertised, flags are placed on signs, and electric signs are put out.

Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard: Who handles blind spots?

Robert Morgan: That's not handled by committee - they will call the Streets department and we address these issues almost every day.

Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard: Thanked Robert Morgan for issue on Maryland Street.

Councilman Mike Williams: Wants to be sure that there is a committee in effect

Louise Bostic: 112 Elm Drive- Stop sign fell down & needs to be replaced. Who should that be reported to?

Lacy Landrum: Should call Police if it's a safety issue.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
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6:00pm Immediately following Public Hearing.**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Vice President, Councilman Mike Williams

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

III. PRAYER: Bishop Soule

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

V. REPORTS:

Council:

Councilman Lemar Marshall: the last 2 1/2 years he been advocating for home ownership and to have the Hammond Housing Authority adopt a new procedure for housing vouchers.

Bishop Soule: Stated he has a housing counseling agency to move individuals and families to home ownership. Bishop Soule informed the board that the Housing Authority can move vouchers from rental to home ownership.

Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard: will be having the Louisiana Housing Corporation do a walk through in neighborhoods on November and there will be 2 cleanup days **Saturday, October 13, 2018, Martin Luther King Park (MLK Park), 600 Martin Luther King Ave.**

Saturday, November 10, 2018, Clarke Park, 801 S. Holly St.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: this is a partial solution to build homes for home ownership not just rental. Home ownership is important in neighborhoods. Many of these lots are around Zemurray Park this is why Zemurray Park Master Plan is important.

Bishop Soule: neighborhood stabilization is critical - people who own homes take better care of homes.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: hopefully this could be transformational for Hammond.

Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard: Michael J. Kenney Center on November 15, 2018 there will be a free luncheon for Senior Citizens and would like everyone to spread the word. She received the 20/20 Census information they are hiring for Census takers.

Mrs. Jones, 1100 S. Magnolia, Hammond, La.- Stated there is one tree that still remains that hangs over her house with limbs still falling and she has pictures. The problem still remains and she does not want additional damage to her roof. She stated she's seeking reimbursement for the damage to the roof and her car to be restored by the pricks in her paint job.

Mayor: asked Robert Morgan to go by house to check the debris.

Mayor: The After school program awarded Councilman Marshall, Mayor, Pete Panepinto & Wendy Connaro The Champion Award for being leaders in the After School Program. Mayor thanked Amanda McDaniel & Desiree Dotey for their work.

There was a 5K Run and Play it Safe It this past weekend sponsored by North Oaks and was very successful.

Keep Hammond Beautiful Clean Up Days are Saturday, October 13, 2018, Martin Luther King Park (MLK Park), 600 Martin Luther King Ave. & Saturday, November 10, 2018, Clarke Park, 801 S. Holly St.

The Airshow will be held October 20-21st 2018 at the airport – everyone is encouraged to attend

Councilman Lemar Marshall: asked the Mayor for an update on the pool

Mayor: Informed Councilman Marshall that once the renderings, plans, and specifications are complete, the project will go out for bids in November. The plan is to be opened for July 2019.

Lacy Landrum: Council must approve the award of the bid

1. Recognition of New Businesses: NONE

VI. Minutes of September 25, 2018: There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to approve the minutes of September 25, 2018.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to authorize the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants to serve alcohol during the event Starry November Night, held on Friday, November 16th, 2018 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Event is held within the boundaries of E. and W. Charles St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St. and N. and S. Pine St. Chelsea Tallo, informed the Council that this is the 14th Annual Event and they will have more activities for families to do this year.

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

2. A resolution to grant a Waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants during the event Starry November Night, held on Friday, November 16th, 2018 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Event is held within the boundaries of E. and W. Charles St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St. and N. and S. Pine St. Chelsea Tallo, requesting a Waiver of the City's Open Container Law.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard and second by Councilman Jason Hood to grant a Waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants during the event Starry November Night, held on Friday, November 16th, 2018 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Event is held within the boundaries of E. and W. Charles St., N. and S. Cherry St., E. and W. Coleman St. and N. and S. Pine St.

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

3. A resolution to approve the renewal of all existing businesses with High/Low Alcohol permits in the City of Hammond for the calendar year 2019. Jinnie Wilson, asking for all existing businesses to be renewed for the 2019 calendar year.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard and second by Councilman Jason Hood to approve the renewal of all existing businesses with High/Low Alcohol permits in the City of Hammond for the calendar year 2019.

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

4. A resolution accepting an \$18,326 federal Justice Assistance Grant to purchase radio equipment for the Hammond Police Department. Charles W. Borchers IV, funding was received and there is no match requirements for this grant. He is requesting the approval of the Council.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard and second by Councilman Lemar Marshall accepting an \$18,326 federal Justice Assistance Grant to purchase radio equipment for the Hammond Police Department.

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

5. A resolution to ratify and award bids for the Electrical Upgrades and Emergency Generator Chevy Well project. The lowest responsive bidder is M&R Resources, LLC for \$298,663.00. Chuck Spangler, presented this item and informed the Council the bid was awarded to M&R Resources, LLC in the amount of \$298,663.00 requesting approval of the Council.

There was a motion by Councilman Jason Hood and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to ratify and award bids for the Electrical Upgrades and Emergency Generator Chevy Well project. The lowest responsive bidder is M&R Resources, LLC for \$298,663.00.

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6. A resolution to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the questionnaire. Syeda Naeem, stated the questionnaire is required for the Audit and it must be adopted each year.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the questionnaire.

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

7. A resolution (1) accepting an \$8,500 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant to purchase new and replacement body armor vests for Hammond police officers; (2) agreeing to a cash match of \$8,500 to come from the Hammond Police Department; and (3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign grant documents. Charles W. Borchers IV, informed the Council that this is a \$1 for \$1 matching grant. The funds will be pulled from Uniforms and Supplies. There will be a purchase of about 23 vest.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard 1) accepting an \$8,500 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant to purchase new and replacement body armor vests for Hammond police officers; (2) agreeing to a cash match of \$8,500 to come from the Hammond Police Department; and (3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign grant documents. Motion Approved 4-0

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

8. A resolution to approve the Water & Sewer Department to purchase (4) 2019 F-150 Regular Cab Trucks, RFP 19-17, from Bill Hood Ford in the amount of \$89,180.00 Jana Thurman, presented this item and informed the Council that this was sent out to 5 surrounding dealership that are local vendors and this is approved in this year budget.

Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard asked if this was for the new meter readers.

Jana Thurman Yes

There was a motion by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard and second by Councilman Jason Hood to approve the Water & Sewer Department to purchase (4) 2019 F-150 Regular Cab Trucks, RFP 19-17, from Bill Hood Ford in the amount of \$89,180.00

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

9. A resolution to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Associated Waterproofing Corp to repair exterior wall and waterproof the Evidence Building in the amount of \$57,600.00. CC Gaiennie, presented this item to the Council and stated the Mayor has declared this an emergency due to the wall being in bad shape and it could at any time fall.

Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard asked if the funds that were approved before for the evidence building included with the \$57,600.00

CC Gaiennie these are an additional funds

Councilman Lemar Marshall: where will the money come from?

Lacy Landrum for now from the Streets Department but, might ask for budget amendment.

Syeda Naeem they have money in court awarded funds

Councilman Jason Hood maybe should check with auditors

Councilman Lemar Marshall stated he would want to approve it with knowing where the funds are coming from

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to Amend the agenda to show the \$57,600.00 is to come from the seized funds.

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

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Jason Hood to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Associated Waterproofing Corp to repair exterior wall and waterproof the Evidence Building in the amount of \$57,600.00 to come from seized funds.

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

10. A resolution to authorize the Hammond Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34 to sell alcohol at its 3rd Annual Back the Blue BBQ Friday, November 2, 2018 & Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 12am to 5pm within the boundaries of the Saik, and Alvis parking malls to East Hanson Ave., and from E. Hanson Ave., to E. Thomas St., to S. Cate Street. Chad Hill, requesting approval to sell alcohol at its 3rd Annual Back the Blue BBQ.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to authorize the Hammond Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34 to sell alcohol at its 3rd Annual Back the Blue BBQ Friday, November 2, 2018 & Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 12am to 5pm within the boundaries of the Saik, and Alvis parking malls to East Hanson Ave., and from E. Hanson Ave., to E. Thomas St., to S. Cate Street.

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

11. A resolution to authorize the Hammond Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34 to obtain a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law at its 3rd Annual Back the Blue BBQ Friday, November 2, 2018 & Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 12am to 5pm within the boundaries of the Saik, and Alvis parking malls to East Hanson Ave., and from E. Hanson Ave., to E. Thomas St., to S. Cate Street. Chad Hill, requesting a waiver of the Open Container Law for the 3rd Annual Back the Blue BBQ.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard and second by Councilman Lemar Marshall to authorize the Hammond Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34 to obtain a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Law at its 3rd Annual Back the Blue BBQ Friday, November 2, 2018 & Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 12am to 5pm within the boundaries of the Saik, and Alvis parking malls to East Hanson Ave., and from E. Hanson Ave., to E. Thomas St., to S. Cate Street.

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

12. A resolution to approve Change Order No. 1-Final on "Whitmar Sewer Rehabilitation" (project 616-11804) for a decrease of \$10,709.09. Chuck Spangler, informed the Council that this is the rehabilitation in Whitmore in Councilman Williams District. There were 46 point repairs and lined about 1.25 miles of Sewer lines that were leaking, deficient, or broken. The project is complete and recommend approval of Change Order No.1 decreasing the contract by \$10,709.09.

There was a motion by Councilman Jason Hood and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to approve Change Order No. 1-Final on "Whitmar Sewer Rehabilitation" (project 616-11804) for a decrease of \$10,709.09.

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

13. A resolution to accept work as substantially complete and to commence the 45 day lien period for "Whitmar Sewer Rehabilitation". Chuck Spangler, requesting recommendation of approval to accept work as substantially complete and to commence the 45 day lien period.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to accept work as substantially complete and to commence the 45 day lien period for "Whitmar Sewer Rehabilitation".

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to Amend Chapter 28 regarding regulatory street signs.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to adopt an Ordinance to amend Chapter 28 regarding regulatory street signs.

Vote: Jason Hood (Y), Johnny Blount (A), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Mike Williams (N), Lemar Marshall (Y). Motion Approved 3-1

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction of an Ordinance to accept a right of way dedication for an East portion of Hewitt Rd. beginning at S. Magnolia St. to SW Railroad Ave. as shown on survey by Tilden J. Dufrene Jr. (ROW-2018-09-00007) Recommended approval by Planning Commission. Tracie Schillace, stated that Hewitt crosses a servitude and the owner would like to dedicate this to the City.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard and second by Councilman Jason Hood to introduce an Ordinance to accept a right of way dedication for an East portion of Hewitt Rd. beginning at S. Magnolia St. to SW Railroad Ave. as shown on survey by Tilden J. Dufrene Jr. ROW-2018-09-00007) recommended approval by Planning Commission.

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2. Introduction of an Ordinance to amend UDC Ordinance#14-5364 Article 13.1.10 Temporary signs D) Political Campaign signs (TA-2018-09-00013). CC Gaiennie, this is a change that has been recommended by City Attorney, Andre Coudrain. There is information in the Ordinance about political signs that's against free speech and takes away the requirement of a deposit.

City, Attorney Coudrain: this removes restrictions that only applied to political signs and treats them like all other signs.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to introduce an Ordinance to amend UDC Ordinance#14-5364 Article 13.1.10 Temporary signs D) Political Campaign signs (TA-2018-09-00013).

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

IX. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilman Mike Williams 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 **October 9, 2018** BEING 6 PAGES IN LENGTH

TONIA BANKS
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT JOHNNY BLOUNT
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL