



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
AGENDA
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
June 26, 2018
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An ordinance to accept a street dedication request by Susan Cousain of a 0.10 acre portion for Harden Drive right of way being 20.15' X 173.31' in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 5/15/2018; Zoned RS-11.A (SUB-2018-05-00082). Recommend approval by Planning Commission. Cyril Gaiennie, Building Official City of Hammond, stated this is a dedication of a piece of property that goes to the center of the street.

There were no comments

2. An ordinance to rezone 17.5 acres being the proposed Covington Ridge Subdivision from RS-8 to a PD (Planned Development) request by Landrick Real Estate LLC in accordance with zoning map by McLin Taylor Inc. dated May 14, 2018 located at TempAdd 6 Old Covington Hwy., (Z-2018-04-00048). Recommend approval by Zoning Commission. Cyril Gaiennie, stated this a piece of property that has been annexed into the City and they have requested to do a planned development and they will have all the guidelines in order.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: Asked if the developer is required to to have the actual plan before the rezoning.

Cyril Gaiennie: This only involves the rezoning the rest is forthcoming. They will have to design the development and be approved by Planning & Zoning before the project can be constructed.

COMMENTS:

James Nelson: asked the location of the property

Cyril Gaiennie: To the East of Forbes Farms Subdivision

There were no further public comments

3. An ordinance for an Expanded Conditional Use request by The Nightkap Billiards & Eatery to allow sale of alcohol in conjunction with a billiards hall located at 42309 S. Morrison Blvd. Suite B in accordance with site plan dated 5/11/2018; Zoned C-H (Z-2018-05-00047). Recommend approval with the following conditions by Zoning Commission.

- (a) This approval is with the understanding will expire upon a change in occupancy or ownership from The Nightkap Billiards & Eatery; and**
- (b) This approval is only for Suite B acting as a Billiards Hall.**

Cyril Gaiennie: He recommends approval with the above conditions by the Zoning Commission.

There were no comments:

4. An ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond budget for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 in accordance with the procedures set with in Section 5-03 of the City of Hammond Charter. Director of Administration, Lacy Landrum stated there were several items discussed at the Council's budget hearing; the first item is that the Mayor's, Directors, and Recreational program Departments needed an additional \$63,438 to correct formula errors. The second item is City's contyribution to the Police Department for retirement benefits- the City received notification from the State that the Police retirement system employer contribution was increasing from 30.75% to 32.25 % this total amount is \$74,409 and it's required. The third item discussed is for Councilman District 2 allowance to increase by \$1,500 for conference travel. The fourth item came from the Council to increase the budget going to the African American Heritage Museum by \$10,000 to move a research project to hire a genealogist. The fifth item was an increase of \$25,000 to the Seventh Ward Marshal's office to cover expenses. The new Ending Fund balance in the General Fund will be over 2 million dollars and the new Ending Fund balance on the sales tax if the requests are approved will be \$144,664.00. In the 5 yr., Capital Improvements plan the fund for DEQ Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund Program this is the additional pond that the City was planning to at the Sewer Treatment Plant this project is on hold pending an Attorney's General opinion on how the City will participate in the State Loan Programs and whether that loan is considered bonded debt.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: asked for further explanation on why the DEQ Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund Program is on hold

Lacy Landrum: the City is seeking an Attorney General opinion on how the City participates in the State Loan Programs and whether that loan is considered bonded debt.

Councilman Mike Williams: asked the council to consider removing \$10,000 from the African American Heritage Museum because the project is ongoing by the Historic District.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: stated the process identifies the slave that is buried has a volume of work required to do this project did not have the expertise through a volunteer experience and it should be done with the \$10,000 to the African American Museum allocation rather than done by the Historic District.

Louise Bostic, 112 Elm Drive: stated a lot of work has been done by the Historic Committee and should be continued with this appropriation.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: stated anyone can apply for the RFP to do the consulting work. This is a serious a part of our history and documenting the history properly is critical.

Mayor: stated \$10,000 is to be facilitated by the Museum the genealogist is already a part of this group

Councilman Lemar Marshall: stated he thinks it is important for the African American Museum to be involved.

Councilman Mike Williams: stated opposes the \$25,000 increase to the Seventh Ward Marshal's office because of change in the State Law that additional funds will be available to the Marshal's office.

Public Comments:

Debbie Norwood, 39329 W. Brickyard Rd. Springfield: stated on April 3, 2018 she made a public records request to the Marshal's office. Ms. Norwood shared what the Marshal's office has in its current account. The new law raised civil fees received by Marshal's office and she opposes the \$25,000 to the Marshals office and stated the office could run on money they have now.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: Stated he wants to move 2018-2019 Capital projects for next year out of the bond proposal and put them back into the current year budget. Councilman Marshall reviewed documents that he passed out to the audience.

Line #20 Add Hazel Street canal project which is \$210,000 will use \$110,000 from sales tax ending balance and use \$100, 000 from the General Fund ending balance.

Line #31 pg. 7: transfer capital request for Zemurray Park Pool from land acquisition move \$500,000 for parking to Zemurray Pool Project.

Councilman Mike Williams: asked what did the committee decide on pool?

Councilman Lemar Marshall: said the City needs a multipurpose facility for seniors & recreational swimmers.

Councilman Mike Williams: asked is pool money still going to be bonded?

Councilman Lemar Marshall: stated he wants to have money in the budget for a pool.

Mayor: there was \$1.1 million to build pool 2 years ago then there were multiple committees for the pool project. The master plan said parking is needed in Zemurray don't take out \$500,000 - go with the Master Plan so there will be money for it.

Chuck Spangler: does not think there should be a separate competitive pool - a recreational pool is sufficient. There is no point in building a locker room - only need toilets. He urged the Council to leave the pool and parking in place as originally recommended. The Zemurray parking is very important due to this park is heavily used.

Lacy Landrum: asked would the City move forward with construction if money is moved for pool.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: the RFP process never happened, which is why we did an RFQ

Lacy Landrum: this is generally the process for construction projects to do the RFQ to hire architect or Engineer to design the phase. Again, she needs to know what Phase 1 means of a pool project. When will the pool be built?

Frank DiVittorio: Pool Committee Member, The main recommendation from the committee was clearly to move forward with having a pool in the ground for next summer.

Councilman Mike Williams: People just want a pool to swim- if the City moved forward as originally proposed without the committees we would have a pool now.

Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard: had public hearing for parks and we had committees to get people involved in the pool. The group was told if the City picked a local contractor that we will have a pool for this year. The committee never was not held up on the pool. It was not the committee that was holding back the pool it was Gasaway.

Mayor: Gasaway was always the architect on the pool - the pool plans changed every time there was a new committee. Gasaway cannot go forward without getting paid from the changing of the plans on the pool.

We need to decide what type of pool will be built and the Councils need to see how much money will be spent on the pool. He knows that local builders can build a square pool with 10 lanes for \$1 million dollars.

Frank DiVittorio: the City needs to decide how much money was available for the pool and the committee did not recommend a certain pool, they just wanted a pool in by next summer.

Mike Williams: let's let the new Council decide

Alvin Brumfield: seems like a lot of money for a pool that does not generate revenue.

Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard: a competitive pool may bring some revenue in for the City.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: wants to invest in Hammond and Zemurray Park - this can be a great facility and important to the area. The pool could bring in Louisiana Housing financing, look at it as a catalyst for the community. It could reduce poverty in the area and improve the community.

Bridget Wilson: stated she is passionate about the pool and the community needs the pool. The pool usage is from March to November and it provides children a place to go in the community. Asked the Council to put the pool in the ground and swim meets can be held in a 25 meter pool. Do not wait for another summer.

Councilman Jason Hood: Discussed Sewer projects on Natchez & Club Deluxe and wants \$230,000 from water & sewer bond-series 2013 \$100,000 for Club Deluxe. \$130,000 for Natchez from fund 625 ending fund balance.

There were no additional public comments

5. An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000) of Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, of the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, fixing the parameters thereof and providing for the rights of the owners thereof; providing for the payment of such bonds and the application of the proceeds thereof; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Councilman Jason Hood, stated that Councilman Marshall has provided the Council and audience of the proposed projects and the \$15 million dollars is a not to exceed number this does not mean we have to use these funds.

Jim Ryan, Government Consultants was present to answer questions

Carmen Lavergne: Bond Counsel was present to answer questions

Councilman Lemar Marshall: he is trying to bond projects to get things done but, did not realize that the new bond requires a vote of the Citizens so it must be brought to a vote. The projects that were in the 2018-2019 budget out of bond proposal added \$700,000 for sidewalk for Church Street total of \$7,340,000 for bonding of those projects.

Carmen Lavergne: the proposed ordinance does not commit to borrow money - it has to go to a vote of the citizens. There need to be a concrete list of projects.

Councilman Mike Williams: Can projects be changed once approved by voters?

Carmen Lavergne: the Council could list many projects & decide which ones to proceed. The timeframe is 3 years to construct the projects.

Lacy Landrum: asked what obligates the bond money?

Carmen Lavergne: stated the City is not obligated on bonds until bonds are sold.

Lacy Landrum: asked if the full amount would be drawn immediately

Carmen Lavergne: when bonds are sold the funds would be drawn down and the City would begin payments

Councilman Lemar Marshall: asked if projects be revised

Carmen Lavergne: answered yes

Lacy Landrum: asked what is the timeline?

Carmen Lavergne: stated next available election date is December and September is the bond commission meeting. The City Charter requires an Engineering report & Feasibility Study. The Council would need to call for an election in July/August - the timeline is feasible but, tight.

Lacy Landrum: asked what are the fees involved

Jim Ryan: stated there is no fee to call for an election- the election cost to the City depends on what is on the ballot.

Jim Ryan: stated the proposed ordinance does not obligate the City to borrow money

Mayor: asked why not wait until the election

Jim Ryan: answered that is up to the Council- which is a political decision

Lacy Landrum: asked would the sale of bonds be in 2019?

Carmen Lavergne: responded yes, probably

Jim Ryan: answered the timing depends on interest rates

Alvin Brumfield: how does bonds work?

Jim Ryan: answered there could be multiple bonds, but he thinks the plan is to borrow all of the money and use it as needed for projects and multiple bonds cost more.

Alvin Brumfield: asked can projects and money change

Jim Ryan: answered the Council need to do a report on projects and projects must be on engineering report. This depends on how the list is defined.

Mayor: stated if a new council does not want the projects the fees will already be spent and interest will have already been paid.

Greg Drude: stated the pool could be built with \$1 million so we could go ahead and build the pool- it does not make sense to bond out for the pool. This is not a tax & spend community this is a pay as you go community. We may get grants for Sewer & sidewalks; the City does not need to issue the bonds.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: stated page 1 of the budget the sales tax surplus \$1,400,000 for capital projects only taking \$1,400,000 of sales tax dollars. The City needs to move on Capital Projects they are not getting funded. Taxes are not being raised using existing sales tax revenues. The Administration put in \$0 dollars for a pool in this year's budget.

Paul Billingsley: stated the City pays mileage for recreation district & school tax and will pay more for use of money than if paid with cash. There are other tax proposals lurking what about the jail, and school district. The Council & Mayor are elected to pick & choose some people may have to wait for projects. The bond will affect the City's credit rating and it could lead to money may not be available for needed projects. What will happen if a Katrina hits again. Do not erode the City's reserve.

Matt Sandifer: There is a process to take bonds. The bonds advisors have a vested interest in bonds because they get fees. Bonds should not be used for sidewalks and pot holes. This should not be voted on tonight - an election vote first is needed and projects need to be identified along with the report & study. He stated not sure what the ordinance is for that is should not be done in reverse order and a vote tonight will be illegal. Don't make it harder than what it is.

Joe Mier: thanked Council members for service. He stated this item could add \$15 million in debt and should have agreement between Mayor & Council on this debt. The previous council meeting the Airport hangars was tabled by Council but, should have been approved. He believes the pool needs to be replaced but, need to show what will support the operations. This should be a no vote & consider the costs of the bond. Do not strap the future Council & City to a \$15 million dollar debt. This is an easy No Vote.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: The 645,000.00 that was allocated for hangars the airport board said there were 40 on the waiting list. There is no funding in the budget to build the additional hangars it's not even proposed. This budget does not address this for extra hangars.

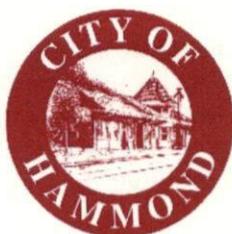
Elsbet Smith Hollywood: Chairman of Board of Chamber of Commerce, Chamber conducted a survey of members and results were sent out yesterday this survey represents 650 plus members in this area. The survey shows that 81% said (No) of the City of Hammond incurring \$12.4 million dollar of debt to be paid over 20 years at \$6.5 million dollars interest. Also, asked if they were in favor of the proposed projects 82% said (NO) and when asked if you as the Council that's present and terms ending should be making the decision due to the bonds will not be issued until 2019 and 83% said (NO). The members asked in selecting products that you should choose funding for projects that has a life expectancy that's greater than 20 years, consider maintenance, and operating cost associated with the projects, also prioritize projects.

Josh Taylor: stated he is excited that people of Hammond get a voice going forward with an election thinks is the best that comes out of this. We should follow procedure is very important should be safe than sorry. Stated he request that this item be removed from the agenda and restart the process.

David Danel: Stated he sent an email to all Councilmembers earlier. Bond payment would use up all money future capital projects this will not leave enough money for future capital projects. This is unfair to pass a debt burden to future generation of Citizens, Voters, & Council. This should be reconsidered the thought of doing this and be fair to everybody.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: stated if the bond passes it would increase the Capital budget by \$670,000 and over the next 2years you're retiring an existing bond debt so, those funds could be allocated for the new bond payment.

Lacy Landrum: stated the last that was offered on the \$12.4 schedule was an additional \$600,000 to \$700,000 each year for the 1st 10 years then increase to \$1 million because the City will be trying to wrap the new debt around the existing debt. The total debt service payment for next year will be \$2.2 million for the second year and third year decrease to \$1.7 million then carry on until 2026 when the payout for the previous bonds that were taken out. If you add up all funds available for Capital Projects that would be about \$4.2 million in one year plus all the grants that were brought in. This is trying to leverage funds grants of \$22.3 million in grants have been received in the last 8 years.



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REGULAR SESSION
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6:00pm Immediately following Public Hearing.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President Johnny Blount
Regular Session was called to order at 7.35pm

II. ROLL CALL: Johnny Blount (P), 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

Mayor: July 4th fireworks will be held at Zemurray Park on Wednesday, July 4th, 2018 will start at
6pm and end at 9pm.

2. Recognition of New Businesses: NONE

VI. Minutes of June 12, 2018: After review there was a motion by Councilman Jason Hood and second by
Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to approve the minutes of June 12, 2018.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to ratify and award bids received on June 1, 2018 for "Airport Hangars."
Cyril Gaiennie, presented this item stated the low bid was \$608,000.00 from Vertex Construction
Group which is within the budget asks for approval.

There was a motion by Councilman Mike Williams and second by Councilman Jason Hood to ratify
and award bids on June 1, 2018 for "Airport Hangars" to Vertex Construction Group, in the amount
of \$608,000.

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

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **A resolution supporting the submission of a \$5,000 PetSafe Bark for Your Park grant application to enhance and expand Zemurray Dog Park.** Charles W. Borchers IV, stated the Mayor was approached by a citizen formed group called The Zemuurray Dog Park Pack they represent various dog owners that use the park. The group provided great ideas for improvements to enhance the dog park. This is a part of the Master Plan for Zemurray Park. The grant is for \$5,000 and there is no match required.

There was a motion by Councilman Jason Hood and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard supporting the submission of a \$5,000 PetSafe Bark for Your Park grant application to enhance and expand Zemurray Dog Park.

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

2. **A resolution supporting the submission of a \$5,000 Walmart Community Grant application for the HOPE Afterschool Program.** Charles W. Borchers IV, stated the current grant has expired and this additional funding will assist in the Afterschool Program.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard supporting the submission of a \$5,000 Walmart Community Grant application for the HOPE Afterschool Program.

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

4. Final adoption of an ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond budget for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 in accordance with the procedures set with in Section 5-03 of the City of Hammond Charter.

There was a motion by Councilman Mike Williams and second by Councilman Jason Hood to remove the \$10,000 consulting fees from the Tangipahoa African American Museum for the study that's already in progress.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (N), Jason Hood (Y), Johnny Blount (N), Janice Carter Beard (N), Mike Williams (Y). Motion Failed 3-2

There was a motion by Councilman Mike Williams and second by Councilman Jason Hood to remove the \$25,000 from the Seventh Ward Marshal office unless the law increasing his fees does not go into effect.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Johnny Blount (N), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Mike Williams (Y). Motion Approved 4-1

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Jason Hood to amend the recommended budget to add \$210,000 for the Hazel Street Canal Project by moving \$110,000 from the sales tax revenue and \$100,000 from the general fund.

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

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to amend the recommended budget to move \$243,700 transferred from the capital request Zemurray Park project and \$500,000 from the parking project for Zemurray Park into the Zemurray Park pool renovation account. Councilman Marshall stated with the \$960,000 surplus the total would be 1,703,700.00

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

Director of Administration, Lacy Landrum: Asked if the City is authorized to move forward with the funding and should the City go forward with the architect now to figure out the design?

Councilman Lemar, stated the design that was recommended by the committee and would want prices for the recommended design.

Director of Administration, Lacy Landrum, informed Councilman Marshall that once the budget is authorized the City could move forward with the project.

Councilman Lemar Marshall, stated the design plan will have to come back to the Council so, the process can begin and Council could review what's available.

Mayor Panepinto, the design plan was an approved 25 meter pool, 10 lanes wide, with an out catch within the same pool with a side swim spot. So, we can take this to Gasaway and ask them to give us a price for the recommended design plan

Councilman Lemar Marshall, stated yes

There was a motion by Councilman Jason Hood and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to amend the recommended budget to transfer \$230,000 from fund 625 Water & Sewer Series 2013 for the Club Deluxe sewage infrastructure \$100,000 and \$130,000 for Natchez Street infrastructure.

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

There was a motion by Councilman Mike Williams and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to amend three items in the budget (1) the increase of the Police Department budget to \$74,409 to cover the increase of retirement, (2) correct formula errors in Recreational and Mayor & Directors that increase to \$63,438 that will come from sales tax fund 203 to be transferred over to general fund 100, (3) and increase Council District II allowance for conference travel.

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

There was a motion by Councilman Mike Williams and second by Councilman Lemar Marshall to approve the budget as amended.

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

5. Final adoption of an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000) of Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, of the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, fixing the parameters thereof and providing for the rights of the owners thereof; providing for the payment of such bonds and the application of the proceeds thereof; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Councilman Jason Hood: asked City Attorney Andre Coudrain on clarity on Mr. Sandifer's comment that the bond ordinance was illegal.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney: stated that bond council stated you can have a dual process with the approval of the bond ordinance first and a resolution calling for an election later. Based on what the bond council is saying this is not illegal. A resolution & an ordinance must be approved the question is the order and this is up to the Council.

Carmen Lavergne: Either the bond ordinance is done now or later the Charter states you have to have an election before bonds are issued.

Matt Sandifer: stated this a City Charter question - is an ordinance proper when it clearly does not give the authorization to pass legal. The Charter states that the Council are able to pass a resolution calling for a vote this is an ordinance to sell the bond. Can the Council legally enter into this ordinance when it states a resolution?

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney: answered that both a resolution calling for an election and a bond ordinance must be approved- the question is the order and this is up to the Council. The Council must pass an ordinance that sets out what projects are going to be included and what's the up to amount for the bond.

Matt Sandifer: Would the vote of the people be for a \$15,000,000 bond or for each individual issue?

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney: That will be determined when the Council passes the resolution calling for the election.

Matt Sandifer: The intent is for the people to vote on items being bonded out. There should be an Attorney General opinion.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney: Stated he thinks Mr. Sandifer's question is what the proper order of process is - does the Council have the election first and then pass the ordinance or do you pass the ordinance and have the election second. The City cannot incur a bonded debt until an election is held and approved by the voters and the City cannot incur a bonded debt until the Council passes an ordinance- both have to be done this is up to the Council when it's done.

Carmen Lavergne: The Charter does not lay out the exact process but, Andre is correct both will have to be completed. It will be up to the Council on the order that they choose.

Louise Bostic: 112 Elm Street, Does this have to be a unanimous vote by the council?

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney: No

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Jason Hood to adopt an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000) of Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, of the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, fixing the parameters thereof and providing for the rights of the owners thereof; providing for the payment of such bonds and the application of the proceeds thereof; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Vote: Lemar Marshall (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Johnny Blount (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y),
Mike Williams (N). Motion Approved 4-1

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

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 **June 26, 2018** BEING **10 PAGES** IN LENGTH

TONIA BANKS
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT JOHNNY BLOUNT
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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