



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
November 13, 2018
5:30pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Council President, Johnny Blount
- 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 to amend Chapter 5 Compensation and Benefits of the City Personnel Policy Rule V-24 regarding Council member travel. Councilman Jason Hood, presented this item stated he would entertain any questions.

Louise Bostic- 112 Elm Drive, Hammond: What is the current policy and why is it being changed?

Councilman Jason Hood: Legislative Branch should be separated and not subject to administration. All Council Members must meet Ethics requirement.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: President of Council has already approved expenses of Council Members and Council is a separate body from the administration.

Mayor: The budget is approved by Council and the Executive Branch makes sure Council Members does not get into trouble and stated what's in place is good.

Louise Bostic: Stated checks and balances are best

Councilman Johnny Blount: Doesn't want to be in position to approve and it has worked currently and thinks should leave as it is.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: This proposed policy would make Council Members be accountable.

Mayor: Stated this was brought to the auditors for review and they suggested that this should not be approved. We should listen to the auditors on travel issues.

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain: Clarified that Council President is not in the approval process under this proposed change.

Council Mike Williams: I agree that independent elected officials are bound by Ethics & the administration should not have to approve. This should be separated and the Mayor should not have the final say over Council expenses.

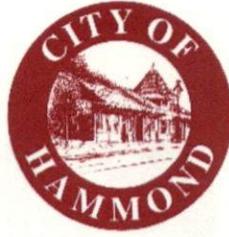
Mayor: Yes, the Council approved the budget and for a particular Council Member to use funds that were going to be spent and leaving no money in that district budget for the new elected Council Member was something that I did not agree on.

Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard: Councilmembers would not do travel except for the benefit of the City. I do not see an issue with travel for municipal education.

Louise Bostic: What was travel for?

Councilman Jason Hood: I put a request to attend the National League of Cities the expense came in more than anticipated and the administration denied the trip. The trip was cancelled and just would like the process changed.

There were no other comments:



HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
November 13, 2018
6:00pm Immediately following Public Hearing.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Johnny Blount

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 Lemar Marshall

V. REPORTS:

1. Council: Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard had a wonderful Veterans Day Luncheon event. The speaker was very good and thanked the Mayor. Everyone enjoyed the luncheon and the meal provided.

Council President, Johnny Blount: Congratulated Mayor Panepinto on his re-election and all persons who made the runoff.

2. Mayor: Airport shut down for light panels and to re-open Thursday if weather does not delay the project.

Mayor Panepinto, would like everyone to enjoy their Thanksgiving Holiday.

Councilman Lemar Marshall asked for an update on the Zemurray pool.

Mayor: Bids are going out and bids should be by end of this month and still pushing for July opening.

3. Recognition of New Businesses: NONE

VI. A. Minutes of October 23, 2018: There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to approve the minutes of October 23, 2018.

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

B. Minutes of October 29, 2018: There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to approve the minutes of October 29, 2018.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with Garrett Sanders to provide and maintain Blessing Boxes. Mayor Pete Panepinto, Stated Mr. Sanders will be placing the Blessing Boxes at the Hammond Courthouse and Recreation Center and will maintain the boxes to assist our community. **There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to authorize the Mayor to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with Garrett Sanders to provide and maintain Blessing Boxes**

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

2. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an Agreement on behalf of the City with Sewerage District No.1 of the Parish of Tangipahoa for Sewer services along Airport Road. City Attorney, Andre Coudrain informed the Council that the City annexed property along Hwy., 190 and Airport Road and this resulted in overlapping of an area that was also included in the Sewer Districts territory. The Sewer District and the City negotiated an agreement to provide sewer services to that area on Hwy., 190 and to allow the Sewer District to tie into on certain conditions in the agreement. The City will not have any obligation to upgrade its system with no tie in charge. The City will receive its normal fees for the area but, the Sewer District if it charges any additional fees, will be able to collect the Sewer District fees.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: Will the cost for that location be higher than any other part of the City?

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain: the Sewer District has its own fees that charges and the City has its own and this is not intending to change but, if that area is included and annexed or tied in the City will receive is normal fee but, the certain district will receive any additional fees and this will not impact the consumer.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: Will the City be billing the Sewer District?

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain: It will be go thru the normal process of collections and billings.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to authorize the Mayor to enter into an Agreement on behalf of the City with Sewerage District No.1 of the Parish of Tangipahoa for Sewer services along Airport Road

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

3. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Tangipahoa Parish Government to overlay N General Pershing St, Edwin Neill Way, Harrell Ave, S Laurel St, JW Davis Dr., S Spruce St, Center St, S Hazel St, and Rosewood Cir; and to microsurface Greenlawn Dr. and Woodbridge Blvd. Mayor Pete Panepinto, informed the Council that these are the roads that the Tangipahoa Parish Council said are in need of overlay.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Jason Hood to authorize the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Tangipahoa Parish Government to overlay N General Pershing St, Edwin Neill Way, Harrell Ave, S Laurel St, JW Davis Dr., S Spruce St, Center St, S Hazel St, and Rosewood Cir; and to microsurface Greenlawn Dr. and Woodbridge Blvd.

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

4. A resolution to accept the proposed insurance package for calendar year 2019. Henry Powell, 110 West Morris proposing to renew the current medical insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Jason Hood to accept the proposed insurance package for calendar year 2019.

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

5. A resolution adopting Zemurray Park Master Plan. Tracie Schillace, presented this item and stated the Planning Commission reviewed the Master Plan that Holly & Smith has worked on and has recommended and accepted this plan. Any development in and around the Zemurray Park area in relationship to this Master plan will be taken into consideration of any development that happens in that area.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: How does the community know that this is approved and how does this affect overlay districts?

Tracie Schillace, Any overlay district created in the future will be referred back to the plans or revise the plans if there are changes. The Planning Commission & Zoning Commission plans are to educate the new Board on how things work.

Jeffrey Smith, Holly & Smith: The Master plan is a vision going forward and our City Park Zemurray Park is underutilize and needs some love and the Master Plan gives a road map on where it can go.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Mike Williams adopting Zemurray Park Master Plan.

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

6. A resolution to ratify Declaration of Emergency for Taxiway C- Emergency Drainage & Pavement Repairs. Chuck Spangler presented this item informing the Council that Taxiway C has a collapse of storm drain line and recommended to declare emergency so they could expedite the solicitation of bids.

There was a motion by Councilman Mike Williams and second by Councilman Jason Hood to ratify Declaration of Emergency for Taxiway C- Emergency Drainage & Pavement Repairs.

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

7. A resolution authorizing approval of Amendment No. 4 to the Spangler Engineering "Owner Engineer Agreement" for Taxiway C – Emergency Drainage & Pavement Repairs. Chuck Spangler, informed the Council that Spangler Engineering has a separate DOTD Aviation contract with the City for Drainage purposes that is overseen by DOTD and this is the contract that needs to be amended to proceed with the work.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard and second by Councilman Lemar Marshall authorizing approval of Amendment No. 4 to the Spangler Engineering "Owner Engineer Agreement" for Taxiway C – Emergency Drainage & Pavement Repairs.

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

8. A resolution to award bids for "Taxiway C – Emergency Drainage & Pavement Repairs". Jay Pittman, informed the Council that opening bids were at 10am on today and there were 8 total contractors issued invitations and all local contractors and the Low Bid was Lawson Bonet Construction in the amount of a base bid \$63,902.00 and Additional Alternate of No. \$132,282.00 and recommends approval of the base bid and alternate No. 1 and award to Lawson- Bonet Constructions.

Councilman Jason Hood: Where are funds coming from?

Chuck Spangler: Drainage will come from DOTD and pavement work will probably come from grant Match funds.

There was a motion by Councilman Mike Williams and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to award bids for "Taxiway C – Emergency Drainage & Pavement Repairs".

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

9. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$12,000 Community Water Enrichment Fund grant application to purchase water treatment equipment. Charles W. Borchers IV, informed the Council that 3 water well treatment facilities needs new equipment there is no match and if final quotes come in higher Water & Sewer will cover the difference.

There was a motion by Councilman Jason Hood and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard supporting the submission of a \$12,000 Community Water Enrichment Fund grant application to purchase water treatment equipment.

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

10. A resolution authorizing Tonia Banks, Hammond City Council Clerk, to certify signatories and signatures for the City of Hammond's Fiscal Year 2018–19 Community Water Enrichment Fund grant application/project. Charles W. Borchers IV, presented this item stated this is a requirement with the application that someone be appointed by the Council to certify signatories.

There was a motion by Councilman Jason Hood and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard authorizing Tonia Banks, Hammond City Council Clerk, to certify signatories and signatures for the City of Hammond's Fiscal Year 2018–19 Community Water Enrichment Fund grant application/project.

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

11. A resolution approving a cash match of up to \$15,000 for improvements to Cate Square Park. Charles W. Borchers IV, informed the the Council that this covers improvements to existing playgrounds, relocation of equipment and a new surface called bonded rubber. There is \$20,000 in grant funds and cash match of \$15,000 and will also add handicapped equipment.

There was a motion by Councilman Jason Hood and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard approving a cash match of up to \$15,000 for improvements to Cate Square Park.

Louise Bostic- 112 Elm Drive: Commended Charles for adult use of park and it's a good direction.

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Readoption of an ordinance to amend Chapter 28 Regarding Regulatory Street Signs.

Mayor vetoed October 23, 2018 Councilman Jason Hood, presented this item and asked that the Council readopt the Ordinance to give the Council a voice where street signs are put up.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: Is this the same process the Parish Government uses?

Councilman Jason Hood: Yes, and stated he would support a resolution to appoint a committee.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Jason Hood to readopt an ordinance to amend Chapter 28 Regarding Regulatory Street Signs.

Vote: Johnny Blount (N), Jason Hood (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Lemar Marshall (Y), Mike Williams (N). 3-2 Motion to Readopt Fails (4 votes required)

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 5 Compensation and Benefits of the City Personnel Policy Rule V-24 regarding Council Member travel. (Councilman Jason Hood)

There was a motion by Councilman Jason Hood and second by Councilman Lemar Marshall to adopt an ordinance to amend Chapter 5 Compensation and Benefits of the City Personnel Policy Rule V-24 regarding Council Member travel

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

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction of an Ordinance to rename the following streets that are maintained and requested by Southeastern Louisiana University:

- 1) Western Ave to Ned McGehee Drive (from N. General Pershing to N. Oak St.), and
- 2) Texas Ave. to Union Ave. (in its entirety), and
- 3) Tennessee Ave. to Mane St. (from SGA Dr. to N. Oak St.), and
- 4) Virginia Ave. to Roomie Rd. (from SGA Dr. to N. Oak St.), and
- 5) Tornado Dr. to Lion Lane (in its entirety). (ROW-2018-10-00008)

Recommend approval by the Planning Commission

Tracie Schillace, these are all located on Southeastern Campus and Southeastern requested the change.

Councilman Lemar Marshall: He requested a biography of Ned McGehee

Tracie Schillace, She will provide the biography of Ned McGehee

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilwoman Janice Carter Beard to introduce an Ordinance to rename the following streets that are maintained and requested by Southeastern Louisiana University:

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Recommend approval by the Planning Commission

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

Public Hearing Set for November 27th, 2018.

2. Introduction of an Ordinance for Annexation into the Hammond City Limits, Initial Zoning to C-H and to be placed in City Council District #3 request by Muscadine LLC for Lot 1-A of the H.C. Collins Subdivision being 2.760 acres located at 15829 Demarco Lane in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 12/14/2010 (Z-2018-07-00049) recommend acceptance by the Zoning Commission.
Tracie Schillace, informed the Council the [property is West of the Old Lil Johnny's Restaurant and it fronts on Veterans Ave. adjacent to the City limits and they are asking to annex into City Limits.

There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Mike Williams to introduce an Ordinance for Annexation into the Hammond City Limits, Initial Zoning to C-H and to be placed in City Council District #3 request by Muscadine LLC for Lot 1-A of the H.C. Collins Subdivision being 2.760 acres located at 15829 Demarco Lane in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 12/14/2010 (Z-2018-07-00049) recommend acceptance by the Zoning Commission.

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

Public Hearing Set for November 27th, 2018.

IX. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilman Lemar Marshall and second by Councilman Jason Hood 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 **November 13, 2018** BEING **7PAGES** IN LENGTH

**TONIA BANKS
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK**

**PRESIDENT JOHNNY BLOUNT
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL**

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