



HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
January 8, 2019
5:30pm

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Carlee White, Presiding Member
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Kip Andrews (P), Carlee White Gonzales (P), Devon Wells (P), Sam DiVittorio (P), Steven Leon (P)
- III. **PRAYER:** Reverend D. Palmer
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.
Carlee White Gonzales
- V. **INDUCTION CEREMONY**

Mayor Pete Panepinto Sworn in by Judge Grace Gasaway

Council District 1: Councilman Kip Andrews Sworn in by Judge Brenda Ricks & Judge Elizabeth Wolfe

Council District 2: Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales Sworn in by Judge Grace Gasaway

Council District 3: Councilman Devon A. Wells Sworn in by Attorney, Monique Edwards

Council District 4: Councilman Sam DiVittorio Sworn in by Frank DiVittorio

Council District 5: Councilman Steven J. Leon Sworn in by Judge Grace Gasaway

*Closing Prayer: Reverend Lionel Wells

VI. **ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS:**

President: There was a motion by Councilman Sam DiVittorio and second by Councilman Kip Andrews to elect Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales as City Council President for 2019.

Roll Call: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

Vice President: There was a motion by Councilman Steven Leon and Second by Councilman Kip Andrews to elect Councilman Sam DiVittorio as City Council Vice President for 2019.

Roll Call: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

VII. **RECOGNITION OF FORMER COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Johnny Blount, District 1

Jason Hood, District 2

Janice Carter Beard, District 3

Lemar Marshall, District 4

Mike Williams, District 5

The former Council members received a token of appreciation from the City of Hammond for their service.

VIII. REPORTS:

1. **Council:** Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales thanked everyone for being here.
2. **Mayor:** Mayor, Pete Panepinto thanked everyone and stated he is looking forward to working with the new Council. Mayor, Panepinto also thanked the former Council Members for their service.
3. **Recognition of New Businesses:** NONE

IX. Minutes of December 26, 2018: There was a motion by Councilman Steven Leon and second by Councilman Sam DiVittorio to approve the minutes of December 26, 2018.

Roll Call: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y). Motion Approved 5-0.

X. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution authorizing the Hammond Regional Arts Center to host and serve alcohol on Friday, February 8, 2019 from 6:30pm until 9:30pm for the 3rd Annual Art of the Cocktail at 217 East Thomas Street and within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park between Cypress and Cherry Streets. Lacy Landrum, stated this is an Annual Fundraiser and is asking Council permission to serve alcohol in that specific location.

There was a motion by Councilman Steven Leon and second by Councilman Sam DiVittorio authorizing the Hammond Regional Arts Center to host and serve alcohol on Friday, February 8, 2019 from 6:30pm until 9:30pm for the 3rd Annual Art of the Cocktail at 217 East Thomas Street and within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park between Cypress and Cherry Streets.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

2. A resolution authorizing the Hammond Regional Arts Center to obtain a waiver of the open container law on Friday, February 8, 2019 from 6:30pm until 9:30pm for the 3rd Annual Art of the Cocktail at 217 East Thomas Street and within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park between Cypress and Cherry Streets. Lacy Landrum, informed the Council this is the same event and just asking for a waiver of the open container law.

There was a motion by Councilman Steven Leon and Second by Councilman Kip Andrews authorizing the Hammond Regional Arts Center to obtain a waiver of the open container law on Friday, February 8, 2019 from 6:30pm until 9:30pm for the 3rd Annual Art of the Cocktail at 217 East Thomas Street and within the boundaries of Morrison Alley Park between Cypress and Cherry Streets.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

XI. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND SET OF PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Introduction of an Ordinance for rezoning request by Starwood Management Company to rezone 0.225 acre parcel (67'x146') located at 505 W. Coleman Ave. from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 11/12/2018 (Recommend Denial by the Zoning Commission) Z-2017-07-00039. Tracie Schillace, stated this is a zoning request for rezoning on W. Coleman.

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and Second by Councilman Steven Leon to introduce an ordinance for rezoning request by Starwood Management Company to rezone 0.225 acre parcel (67'x146') located at 505 W. Coleman Ave. from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with survey by Wm. J. Bodin Jr. dated 11/12/2018 (Recommend Denial by the Zoning Commission) Z-2017-07-00039.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y). Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR JANUARY 22, 2019

2. Introduction of an Ordinance to amend UDC Ord#14-5364 Appendix A "Definitions" to add the definition of Cemetery, and to amend Article 6 "Zoning Districts" to move Cemeteries and/or Memorial Garden from Conditional Uses to Allowed Uses in all single and multi-family residential districts, in all mixed use districts, in C-N, and C-H (Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission 5-0) TA-2018-12-00014. Tracie Schillace, informed the Council that the City does not have a definition of Cemetery in the UDC and this would provide a definition and change cemeteries from a condition use to an allowed use in certain districts.

There was a motion by Councilman Steven Leon and Second by Councilman Kip Andrews to introduce an ordinance to amend UDC Ord#14-5364 Appendix A "Definitions" to add the definition of Cemetery, and to amend Article 6 "Zoning Districts" to move Cemeteries and/or Memorial Garden from Conditional Uses to Allowed Uses in all single and multi-family residential districts, in all mixed use districts, in C-N, and C-H (Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission 5-0) TA-2018-12-00014

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y). Motion Approved to Introduce 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR JANUARY 22, 2019

XII. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilman Devon Wells and Second by Councilman Steven Leon to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

There was a reception open to the public following the Council Meeting.

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 8, 2019** BEING **3 PAGES** IN LENGTH

**TONIA BANKS
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK**

**PRESIDENT CARLEE WHITE GONZALES
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL**

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