



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
July 9, 2019
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Carlee White Gonzales called public hearing to order @ 5:30pm

II. ROLL CALL: Kip Andrews (P), Carlee White Gonzales (P), Devon Wells (P), Sam DiVittorio (P), Steve Leon (P)

III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
July 9, 2019
6:00pm or at Conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Carlee White Gonzales called Regular Session to order at 5:31pm

II. ROLL CALL: Kip Andrews (P), Carlee White Gonzales (P), Devon Wells (P), Sam DiVittorio (P), Steve Leon (P)

III. PRAYER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales

V. REPORTS:

1. Council:

Councilman Kip Andrews: invited everyone out on next Saturday, July 20, 2019 from 10am-6pm District 1 Family Day @ MLK Park. All proceeds to scholarship fund for graduating seniors and for summer camp programs.

Councilman Devon Wells: thanked Robert Morgan for work done on Palmetto street with ditches- he did a good job. He also addressed that he has a problem getting grass cut in areas.

Councilman Sam DiVittorio: stated he had drainage issues on Brandi Lane & Timberlane and thanked Chuck Spangler & Webb Anderson for their efforts to improve drainage.

Councilman Steve Leon: thanked Robert Morgan for assistance with the Woodbridge area and appreciates his efforts.

2. Mayor:

Director of Administration, Lacy Landrum, on July 12 there is a Tangi 150 photo exhibit at the Hammond Art Center these are photos submitted in preparation of the 150th Anniversary of Tangipahoa. There will be another on August 23, 2019 at Hot August Night and September. The exhibit is from 5-8 pm it's free.

Saturday, July 13, 2019: Downtown Shop Walk and also having input on the DDD Masterplan this will be held at the Aveda Institute from 9am to 1pm.

Friday, July 26, 2019: Back to School Bash will be from 9am to 1pm at Hammond Westside Montessori

3. Recognition of New Businesses: NONE

V. Minutes of June 25, 2019: There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Kip Andrews to approve the Minutes of June 25, 2019.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to approve the attached 2019-2020 Holiday Closing Schedule for Non-Municipal Fire and Police Personnel. Human Resource, Director Loretta Severan presented this item informing the Council that the attached document is the recommended holiday closing for the 2019-2020 fiscal year for Non-Civil Service Employees. She stated currently the City does not have All Saints Day or President's Day. The City wanted to coordinate with Tangipahoa Parish & City Court holidays.

Councilman DiVittorio: Is there a number of holidays the City has to have per year or is there a limit?

Loretta Severan: According to the City Ordinance there are 14 holidays and Presidential Election day but, this year they are asking for All Saints and President's day which will be a total of 16 holidays.

Councilman Devon Wells: Is this for the Fire Department & Police Department only?

Loretta Severan: No, this is Non Civil Service

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Kip Andrews to approve the attached 2019-2020 Holiday Closing Schedule for Non-Municipal Fire and Police Personnel.

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

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to approve Friday, November 1, 2019, All Saints Day: and Monday February 18, 2020, President's Day for Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Employees for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. Loretta Severan, informed the Council that Civil Service employees are not governed by the City's holiday schedule. Since the City is adding All Saints Day and Presidents Day we would like to provide the same to our Fire & Police personnel.

Councilman DiVittorio: How are Civil Service employees paid for holidays?

Loretta Severan: The Administrative staff gets the day off - those employees that are scheduled that day will have time for when they work and 8 hours for the time period they worked for that holiday.

Councilman DiVittorio: How much is the extra cost?

Lacy Landrum: Not sure

Councilman Steve Leon: Is it in the budget?

Lacy Landrum: It would be covered or would come out of their individual budget and stated she is willing to provide an estimate.

There was a motion by Councilman Sam DiVittorio and second by Councilman Devon Wells to TABLE a resolution to approve Friday, November 1, 2019, All Saints Day: and Monday February 18, 2020, President's Day for Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Employees for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.

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

2. A resolution 1) accepting an \$11,700 Historic Preservation Fund Grant to re-survey the Hammond Historic District; 2) agreeing to a cash and in-kind match of \$11,700 to come from the Historic District Commission; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. Charles W. Borchers IV, informed the Council that the City was awarded the grant and he's asking approval to execute grant documents.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Kip Andrews 1) accepting an \$11,700 Historic Preservation Fund Grant to re-survey the Hammond Historic District; 2) agreeing to a cash and in-kind match of \$11,700 to come from the Historic District Commission; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

3. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$12,000 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant application to purchase new and replacement Tasers for the Hammond Police Department. Charles W. Borchers IV, informed the Council that he met with Police Chief Bergeron to discuss this grant to replace Tasers that are assigned to officers due to new hires entering. It's time to replace some of the Tasers due to length of time.

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Steve Leon supporting the submission of a \$12,000 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant application to purchase new and replacement Tasers for the Hammond Police Department.

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

4. A resolution to approve Change Order No. 1 on "Electrical Upgrades & Emergency Generator - Chevy Well" (Project #11803) for an increase of \$3,600. Lacy Landrum, informed the board that these funds are reserved and in budget.

There was a motion by Councilman Sam DiVittorio and second by Councilman Steve Leon to approve Change Order No. 1 on "Electrical Upgrades & Emergency Generator - Chevy Well" (Project #11803) for an increase of \$3,600

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

5. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Services Agreement between Tangipahoa Parish Government Animal Control and the City of Hammond for \$60,057 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Lacy Landrum, stated the funding was approved in the budget and this is based on the City's population and this is how the Parish decides payment.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Kip Andrews to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Services Agreement between Tangipahoa Parish Government Animal Control and the City of Hammond for \$60,057 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

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

6. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa for \$9,383 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Lacy Landrum, this was approved in the budget and Crime Stoppers operates the tip line and assists with marketing and risk youth crime prevention programs.

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Sam DiVittorio to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa for \$9,383 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

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

7. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Child Advocacy Services, Inc. for \$10,000 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Lacy Landrum, this was approved

in the budget and CASA helps with Child prevention services also with forensic interviews and these funds supports them in their efforts.

Joseph Dominic 811 West Morris Avenue, Hammond: Why is only \$10,000 given to CASA while \$110,000 is allocated to the Discovery Center?

Councilman Sam DiVittorio: this is the first time hearing of an issue with CASA funding

Joseph Dominic: he did not know it was discussed in budget work session. This just struck him odd when this amount is compared to the Discovery Center.

Councilwoman Gonzales: this is the amount they asked for

Councilman Devon Wells: how much more do you need?

Joseph Dominic: not sure but he's sure that CASA could benefit from it

Pamela Haynes, 116 Maryland Street, Hammond: did the Discovery Center ask for that amount

Councilwoman Gonzales, yes

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Sam DiVittorio to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Child Advocacy Services, Inc. for \$10,000 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

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

8. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging for \$50,000 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Lacy Landrum, these funds were approved in the budget and the Council on Aging operates the City bus system.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Sam DiVittorio to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging for \$50,000 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

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

9. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Tangipahoa African American Heritage Museum for \$25,000 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Lacy Landrum, the funding was approved in the budget and this assists in the maintaining operations of the Museum.

Councilman Devon Wells: did they ask for \$25,000?

Lacy Landrum: yes

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Devon Wells to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Tangipahoa African American Heritage Museum for \$25,000 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

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

10. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Children's Discovery Center for \$110,000 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Lacy Landrum, stated the Mayor's proposed budget was to reduce the allocation by \$20,000 to \$90,000. The Council approved authorizing \$110,000 to the Museum to support their educational exhibits and continue to market the museum as a tourist attraction.

Councilwoman Gonzales: is there a plan for this to reduce funds in the future years

Councilman DiVittorio: is there a target number for the funds

Lacy Landrum: that depends on the Council but, there should be a better alignment with other cooperative endeavor agreements

Councilwoman Gonzales: would like to see a schedule of reduction for planning

Councilman DiVittorio: there should be a goal to work to

Lacy Landrum: there was discussion a few years ago that the Museum may have to close their doors and this was a one year appropriation. Agencies should not assume they will get future appropriations.

Frank DiVittorio: 102 Woodbridge Blvd.: there should be a plan and should not be afraid to tell people funding will be cut off.

Councilman Kip Andrews: stated he agrees they need to know the future funding this needs to be looked at closer.

Frank DiVittorio: it's important to inform the agencies on the plan that's agreed upon so they will know what to look for in the future.

Councilman Devon Wells: Tangipahoa American Heritage cut down and they did not complain

Frank DiVittorio: the City should not drop it on them at the end

Lacy Landrum: the City may recommend a Grant pool and have everyone apply and a committee to recommend allocation

Councilman Steve Leon: if the City is looking at this it needs to be communicated to the agencies. The City should have a new plan with everyone being notified.

Councilman Sam DiVittorio: a representative came and requested amounts and we reviewed what they asked for and placed in the budget.

Councilwoman Gonzales: would like to table this item and put in a schedule.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Kip Andrews to TABLE A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Children's Discovery Center for \$110,000 from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (N), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved to Table 4-1

11. A resolution to appoint Richard Mannino to the Board of Commissioners for the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1 for a three-year term from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.

Lacy Landrum, Mr. Mannino is a great asset to this board and he's a member of the American Mosquito Abatement Patrol Association for more than 20 years.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Kip Andrews to appoint Richard Mannino to the Board of Commissioners for the Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District #1 for a three-year term from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.

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

12. A resolution to authorize the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants to serve alcohol during the event Hot August Night, held on Friday, August 23rd, 2019 from 5:00pm to 9:30 pm. The 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 Little, stated the event is August 23rd and adjusted the times a little. We currently have a committee working on this event to bring new ideas and Wayne Toups is playing this year.

There was a motion by Councilman Sam DiVittorio and second by Steve Leon to authorize the Downtown Development District and its approved merchants to serve alcohol during the event Hot August Night, held on Friday, August 23rd, 2019 from 5:00pm to 9:30 pm. The 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: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

13. 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 Hot August Night, held on Friday, August 23rd, 2019 from 5:00pm to 9:30pm. The 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 Little, requesting a waiver for the Open Container law during this event.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Kip Andrews 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 Hot August Night, held on Friday, August 23rd, 2019 from 5:00pm to 9:30pm. The 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: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

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

X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Devon Wells 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 July 9, 2019 BEING 6 PAGES IN LENGTH

TONIA BANKS
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, CARLEE WHITE GONZALES
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL