

**Hammond City Council Members**

**Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales – President**  
**Councilman Sam DiVittorio- Vice President**  
**Councilman Devon Wells**  
**Councilman Kip Andrews**  
**Councilman Steve Leon**

**City Council Clerk**

**Tonia Banks**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
August 27, 2019  
5:30pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Council President, Carlee White Gonzales called the 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:**

1. **An ordinance declaring ( 2 Dodge Durango's ) moveable property as surplus and not needed for a public purpose and providing for a donation to Tickfaw Police Department to benefit public safety.** Jana Thurman, requested Council approval to surplus the 2 Durango's and permission for the Mayor to donate to the Tickfaw Police department.

There were no public comments

2. **An ordinance to re-consider the rezoning request by Jamestown Properties, LLC to rezone 16 lots (9A through 16-B) of the Hundred Oaks Subdivision located on Fern St. from RS-11 to RS-5 in accordance with survey by Brett J. Martin dated 4/18/2019 (Z-2019-01-00056) Recommended approval by Zoning Commission. Previously denied by the City Council.**

**Sal Nicolosi: 36006 Hwy., 190 West Hammond:** stated the Council should reconsider the zoning of this property due to there are already issues with water on property and roads. There should be space between the houses - 50'ft lots are not very big. Mr. Nicolosi provided pictures of the property and road to Council members for review. He stated re-zoning would double the number of homes in this area and the Council should think about the impact on traffic & flooding. He is **not in favor of rezoning**

**Penny Rackey- 17298 (Forbes Farm)** asked if a traffic survey has been done of Old Covington Hwy. She asked if this a State Highway, Parish, or City street?

**Tracie Schillace:** stated up to Fern Street it is City and beyond is Parish

**Penny Rackey-** stated Old Covington Highway is getting overcrowded and people cannot get out of the subdivision and adding lots will make it more crowded and will affect property values. Why do we have zoning regulations because when someone wants a variance it's always changed? She is **not in favor of rezoning**.

**Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales:** asked if a traffic study is required

**Tracie Schillace:** stated the City does not require a traffic study

**V. REPORTS:**

**1. Council:**

**Councilwoman Gonzales** stated Hot August night was a success and commended the City for picking up the trash

**Councilman Kip Andrews:** stated he received a call from a resident in his district about high water near her home and emailed in July. He copied the administration on emails and has not received any feedback and asked for the status.

**Mayor:** stated the City must prioritize calls and Robert Morgan is not in attendance to address it- projects are being completed- its one project at a time.

**Councilman Steve Leon:** thanked Chuck Spangler for drainage work in Whitmar. The streets were dry after the heavy rain.

**Councilman Sam DiVittorio:** stated he is waiting to see the result of drainage in his district and he's also has problem with getting responses to emails from administration and he wants to expedite ordinance issues.

**Councilman Devon Wells:** thanked Chuck Spangler for calling to see if there were any issues he need address in his district. He stated issues are not addressed in poor districts- there are sidewalks that are needing repair in his district and when projects are done the Councilmember should be informed that it has been completed or are in process.

**Lacy Landrum:** stated that she spoke with Councilman Wells about sidewalks but, was informed it will be best after the rainy season and high grass season to fix sidewalks and she stated she received Councilman Andrews email on yesterday and would like to have the information to address the problems to work together to better the City.

**Councilman Devon Wells:** stated he can't get anything done and he addressed that everybody's sewer comes through district 3 and Mooney Park needs to have a Master Plan.

**Councilman Sam DiVittorio:** stated he needs responses to emails and expects them in 2-3 days.

**2. Mayor:** DDD did a great job on Hot August Night also the Police department, Parks and Grounds did a great job.

**Councilman Devon Wells left the meeting**

**3. Recognition of New Businesses: NONE**

**VI. Minutes of August 13, 2019: There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Steve Leon to approve the minutes of August 13, 2019.**

**Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (A), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 4-0**

**VII. RESOLUTIONS**

**A. OLD BUSINESS:NONE**

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. A resolution to approve Holy Ghost to hold its annual Parish Fair on October 25, 26, 27, 2019 within the boundaries of Magnolia Street from W. Colorado to railroad track, and NW Railroad Avenue from W. Colorado to railroad track.** Daniel Mercante, presented this item stated on behalf of Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 601 North Oak Street he is requesting to hold its annual Parish Fair.

**There was a motion by Councilman Sam DiVittorio and second by Councilman Steve Leon to approve Holy Ghost to hold its annual Parish Fair on October 25, 26, 27, 2019 within the boundaries of Magnolia Street from W. Colorado to railroad track, and NW Railroad Avenue from W. Colorado to railroad track.**

**Councilman Devon wells returned to the meeting**

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

**2. A resolution authorizing Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to sell alcohol on Friday, October 25, 2019 from 5pm to 11pm, Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 8am to 10pm, and Sunday, October 27, 2019 from 10am to 7pm within the boundaries set.** Daniel Mercante, requesting approval to sell alcohol.

2. Introduction of an ordinance to re-consider the rezoning request by Jamestown Properties, LLC to rezone 16 lots (9A through 16-B) of the Hundred Oaks Subdivision located on Fern St. from RS-11 to RS-5 in accordance with survey by Brett J. Martin dated 4/18/2019 (Z-2019-01-00056) Recommended approval by Zoning Commission. Previously denied by the City Council.

There was a motion by Councilman Sam DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales to deny re-consideration of the rezoning request by Jamestown Properties, LLC to rezone 16 lots (9A through 16-B) of the Hundred Oaks Subdivision located on Fern St. from RS-11 to RS-5 in accordance with survey by Brett J. Martin dated 4/18/2019 (Z-2019-01-00056) Recommended approval by Zoning Commission.

Vote: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y)  
**5-0 Motion passed to deny re-consideration**

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

**X. ADJOURN:** There was a motion by Councilman Devon Wells and second by Councilman Sam DiVittorio 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 August 27, 2019 BEING 5 PAGES IN LENGTH

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TONIA BANKS  
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

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PRESIDENT, CARLEE GONZALES  
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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