

**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  
November 26, 2019  
5:30pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER: Vice- President, Sam DiVittorio called Public Hearing to order at 5:30pm**

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

**1. Introduction of an Ordinance to rezone the following properties from RS-11.A to RS-11 located at 2445 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, 2247 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, 2409 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, 501 Del Mar Blvd, 603 Del Mar Blvd., 602 Del Mar Blvd., 2501 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, 43418 Willow Villa Road, and 2200 Rue Denise as a requested by the City of Hammond and all in accordance with legal descriptions and surveys. (Z-2019-09-00066 Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission) Tracie Schillace, presented this item stated the Zoning Commission recommended approval for all the properties to rezone from RS-11A which allows mobile homes to RS-11 which does not allow mobile homes. The lot sizes stay the same and the setback requirements stay the same.**

**There were no public comments**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
REGULAR SESSION  
AGENDA  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
November 26, 2019  
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

**I. CALL TO ORDER: Vice-President, Sam DiVittorio called regular session to order at 5:35pm**

**II. ROLL CALL: Kip Andrews (P), Carlee White Gonzales (Absent), Devon Wells (Absent), 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.  
Councilman Sam DiVittorioV. REPORTS:**

**1. Council:**

**Councilman Kip Andrews stated on December 7, 2019 District #1 will have a Cleanup Day- they will meet up at 10am at MLK Park**

**2. Mayor: thanked Lacy Landrum for her work on the election for the DEQ loan being passed by 75% of the vote. There will be no garbage pickup on Thursday – pickup will resume on Monday, December 2, 2019 Recycling will not be running on Thursday. The Christmas train at Zemurray Park will run on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and he wished everyone a great Thanksgiving.**

A. 2018-2019 Audit Report from Kushner LaGraize, LLC: Michelle Treschwig presented the Audit report for the City of Hammond for the fiscal year end 6/30/2019. She stated the audit is complete and will be submitted to the Legislature Auditor. Each Councilmember has received a copy of the Audit for review before the meeting. The Financial reporting shows the City received a clean opinion on financial statements and this is the best opinion to have. There are 2 types of financial statements government wide & governmental funds statements and Government wide the City's total net position increased \$2.5 million and the governmental funds and the General fund improved. The City fund balance is about 10% and she recommends 15% in the fund balance in reserve. There were no findings on internal controls or compliance. Michelle thanked the Mayor, Lacy, Syeda, and Councilmembers and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**VI. Minutes of November 12, 2019: There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Steve Leon to approve the minutes of November 12, 2019**

**VOTE: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Absent), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion approved 3-0**

**VII. RESOLUTIONS**

**A. OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. A resolution authorizing the demolition of a property located at 117 Lawrence Drive (93% damaged), located in Council District 4. The owner is Frances L.D. Lawrence, ETAL C/O Frances Lawrence 1307 Blackburn Road, Hammond, Louisiana 70401. Bobby Mitchell, presented this and informed the Council this was a tabled item from October 22, 2019. The City contacted representatives of the family and there was no opposition received.**

**There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Steve Leon authorizing the demolition of a property located at 117 Lawrence Drive (93% damaged), located in Council District 4. The owner is Frances L.D. Lawrence, ETAL C/O Frances Lawrence 1307 Blackburn Road, Hammond, Louisiana 70401.**

**VOTE: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Absent), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 3-0**

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 16, 2019, to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of bonds therein.** Lacy Landrum, stated tonight what is being done is passing a resolution to canvass the returns of the election that was held on Saturday, November 16, 2019 to authorize the City to issue the Sewer Revenue Bonds. The letter from the Clerk of Court was received showing results of election which passed. Attached to the minutes are the November 16, 2019 Official Election Returns.

**There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews and second by Councilman Steve Leon providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 16, 2019, to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of bonds therein.**

**VOTE: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Absent), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 3-0**

- 2. A resolution to award contracts for garbage and recycling services.** Lacy Landrum, presented this item informing the Council that the administration is recommending AM Waste they have a cost affordable price for garbage collection and different recycling options. A representative from AM Waste was present.

**Ivan Simneoux, 2009 Corbin Road, Hammond La.,** asked if AM Waste will provide a trash can when they pickup

**Lacy Landrum, stated** it will cost more per month to have the trash can provided

**Mayor,** stated recycling will be cheaper for 190 pickup rather than curbside

**Councilman Steve Leon,** what will be cost to maintain the recycle drop off location?

**Lacy Landrum,** this was included on the spreadsheet that was provided to the Council- for the roll off container looking at \$1600 a month. The City would have to schedule a time frame for the 190 recycling facility.

**Randy Lee,** 732 E Railroad representative from AM Waste stated current service provider for bulk, and brush and currently they pick up everything - if volume is outside the container it will be picked up.

**Lacy Landrum,** states the contract starts January 1, 2020 and it is for 4 ½ years.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Steve Leon to accept AM Waste garbage (2X) times a week with AM Waste can with no curbside recycling pickup with a drop off location at the 190 location.**

**VOTE: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Absent), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 3-0**

- 3. A resolution to reject all proposals for RFP 20-11 for bulk fuel at the City's 190 Maintenance Facility.** Jana Soileau, asking the Councils approval to reject all bids because of change to the scope of work.

**There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Kip Andrews to reject all proposals for RFP 20-11 for bulk fuel at the City's 190 Maintenance Facility.**

**VOTE: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Absent), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 3-0**

- 4. A resolution to add additional vehicles to the State Contract pricing for fuel services (State Contract #4400008141).** Jana Soileau, this is asking to add on the 190 facility which will include Streets, Water & Sewer, Parks & Grounds, Garage, & Airport to the current contract.

**There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Kip Andrews to add additional vehicles to the State Contract pricing for fuel services (State Contract #4400008141).**

**VOTE: Kip Andrews (P), Carlee White Gonzales (Absent), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (P), Steve Leon (P). Motion Approved 3-0**

5. A resolution to ratify bids and to award a contract for “NW Railroad Sewer Improvements”. Chuck Spangler, bids are hyperlinked and recommending to award the bid to Lawson Bonet Low bidder in the amount of \$59, 870.00.

There was a motion by Councilman Sam DiVittorio and second by Councilman Kip Andrews to ratify bids and to award a contract for “NW Railroad Sewer Improvements”.

VOTE: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Absent), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 3-0

6. A resolution to approve Budget Change Form 20-03 to transfer \$9,770 from “Odor Control at Lift Stations” (Project 11703) to “Club Deluxe Sewer Improvements” (Project 11915) and to rename the project “NW Railroad Sewer Improvements”. Chuck Spangler, informed the Council the Tangipahoa Sewer District has taken over Club Deluxe Sewer Improvements and now NW Railroad Sewer project will have the funding to complete work.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Sam DiVittorio to approve Budget Change Form 20-03 to transfer \$9,770 from “Odor Control at Lift Stations” (Project 11703) to “Club Deluxe Sewer Improvements” (Project 11915) and to rename the project “NW Railroad Sewer Improvements”.

VOTE: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Absent), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 3-0

7. A resolution to ratify bids and to award a contract for “Sewer Extension – Pride Drive/HAEIDD”. Chuck Spangler, stated the low bidder is Spinks Construction for \$103,620.00 and he is recommending the award.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Steve Leon to ratify bids and to award a contract for “Sewer Extension – Pride Drive/HAEIDD” to Spinks Construction for \$103,620.00.

VOTE: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Absent), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 3-0

8. A resolution to accept work as substantially complete on “Canal Improvements [FY 2019]” (Project No. 420-11910), commencing the 45-day lien period and withholding 10% retainage. Chuck Spangler, stated this is an acceptance of this work that has been completed.

There was a motion by Councilman Sam DiVittorio and second by Councilman Steve Leon to accept work as substantially complete on “Canal Improvements [FY 2019]” (Project No. 420-11910), commencing the 45-day lien period and withholding 10% retainage.

VOTE: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Absent), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 3-0

#### VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to rezone the following properties from RS-11.A to RS-11 located at 2445 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, 2247 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, 2409 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, 501 Del Mar Blvd, 603 Del Mar Blvd., 602 Del Mar Blvd., 2501 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, 43418 Willow Villa Road, and 2200 Rue Denise as a requested by the City of Hammond and all in accordance with legal descriptions and surveys. (Z-2019-09-00066 Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission)

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilman Sam DiVittorio to adopt an ordinance to rezone the following properties from RS-11.A to RS-11 located at 2445 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, 2247 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, 2409 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, 501 Del Mar Blvd, 603 Del Mar Blvd., 602 Del Mar Blvd., 2501 Old Baton Rouge Hwy, 43418 Willow Villa Road, and 2200 Rue Denise as a requested by the City of Hammond and all in accordance with legal descriptions and surveys. (Z-2019-09-00066 Recommend approval by the Zoning Commission)

VOTE: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Absent), Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Approved 3-0

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

**X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilman Sam DiVittorio and second by Councilman Kip Andrews 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 26, 2019** BEING **5PAGES** IN LENGTH

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**TONIA BANKS  
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK**

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**VICE PRESIDENT, SAM DIVITTORIO  
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL**

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