

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
City Attorney, Andre Coudrain



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
September 8, 2020
5:30pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales called Public Hearing to order @ 5:30pm**
- II. ROLL CALL: Devon Wells (P), Sam DiVittorio (P), Carlee Gonzales (P), Kip Andrews (P), Steve Leon (P)**
- III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
September 8, 2020
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales called Regular Session to order @ 5:31pm**
- II. ROLL CALL: Devon Wells (P), Sam DiVittorio (P), Carlee Gonzales (P), Kip Andrews (P), Steve Leon (P)**
- III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews**
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.
Councilwoman Gonzales**
- V. REPORTS:**

1. **Council: Councilman Andrews**, stated Saturday, September 12, 2020 9am to 12pm District #1 will have a neighborhood Cleanup Day at MLK Park and will conducting voters registration drive.

Councilman Wells, he is hosting a Community meeting which will be held on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Tangipahoa African Heritage Center 1600 Phoenix Square. Stated his community is hurting and angry we must find a way to channel this anger. Councilman Wells thanked the Mayor, Lacy, President, Tonia & Andre for everyone's participation on putting the meeting together and allowing the residents to speak at the meeting held on August 31, 2020.

2. Mayor: Sales tax report for July down slightly but up \$400,000 for year the City is financially in good shape. Stated he had a meeting with the NAACP Local and Chief Bergeron was present he thought it was very productive and will be meeting again. Hope to make community to feel better about the direction of the City. Trying to heal our City, Community, and Parish.

V. Minutes

A. August 10, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of August 10, 2020.

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

B. August 11, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the minutes of August 11, 2020.

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

C. August 31, 2020: There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the minutes of August 31, 2020.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

A. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated she will pause for public comments from you tube before motion and vote.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A resolution to approve Low Road Brewing located at 1110 CM Fagan Dr., Hammond LA to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The owners are Low Road Brewing, LLC. Syeda Naeem, stated this business is changing ownership and has met all requirements.

Owner Present-Timothy Shoaf, 26656 Hwy. 22 Springfield, La.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve Low Road Brewing located at 1110 CM Fagan Dr., Hammond LA to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The owners are Low Road Brewing, LLC.

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

2. A resolution to approve Shooters Billiards & Grill located at 1306 South Morrison Blvd., Hammond, LA to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The owners are TJAX, LLC. Syeda Naeem, stated this is a new business and has met all requirements.

Owner Present- Eddie Fisher, Ponchatoula La. stated this is a restaurant and billiard hall

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to approve Shooters Billiards & Grill located at 1306 South Morrison Blvd., Hammond, LA to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The owners are TJAX, LLC.

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

3. A resolution to approve YAMA Grill, LLC located at 2751 W. Thomas Street, Hammond, LA to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The owners are YAMA Grill, LLC. Syeda Naeem, stated this is a new business and has met all requirements.

Owner Present- Youchuan Li, Denham Springs, La. stated this is an Asian style restaurant.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to approve YAMA Grill, LLC located at 2751 W. Thomas Street, Hammond, LA to sell High/Low alcohol on premise. The owners are YAMA Grill, LLC.

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

4. A resolution to purchase Ten (10) fully equipped Police Tahoe's from Dana Safety Supply in the amount of \$438,872.00 RFP 21-06. Jana Thurman stated she received 2 proposals and had one nonresponsive bid- there is money available in the millage account and the City did not purchase any Tahoe's in last fiscal budget year.

Officer Keel, Hammond Police Department, Fleet Manager for the department- stated they usually get vehicles from State contract but these vehicles have been unavailable on State Contract due to GM Strike and several orders for Police Tahoe's were cancelled nationwide. Officer Keel stated they stated reached out to purchase vehicle called turnkey - this purchase comes fully equipped= as Jana said only received 2 proposals these are not on state contract. In 2019 the City purchased 6 Tahoe's, in 2020 fiscal year the City did not purchase any Tahoe's. There are several older vehicles that are in service at this time 2008, 2009, and some 2010 with the purchase of these 10 Tahoe's they could get rid of everything in 2011 and older. The City's maintenance cost for past fiscal year 2020 \$115,000 is just for maintenance on the vehicles; year before \$107,000 - it's steadily increasing this fiscal year so far \$24,000 repairs- they are wearing out.

Councilman Andrews, does this include wrecked vehicles

Officer Keel, wrecked vehicles were already resolved with insurance Company

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the maintenance cost

Officer Keel, the \$24,000 is just for this July fiscal year and previous year maintenance is about \$115,000

Councilman DiVittorio, asked is this for all the units and how many units totaled?

Chief, Bergeron, maintenance includes tires, oil changes, brakes that goes into the vehicle

Officer Keel, there is 112 to 114 vehicles total

Councilman Wells, how many units as of now in the department

Officer Keel, 112 to 114 vehicles total

Councilman Wells, how many vehicles been totaled out within the past 2 years

Officer Keel, there has been 5 since he has been in charge

Councilman Wells, are there any car rental accounts with any car rental agents for the Police dept.

Chief Bergeron, Yes

Councilman Wells, how much are we spending each month for rental vehicles?

Chief, Bergeron, rental vehicles are \$700 per month per vehicle and there are 5 vehicles from court awarded cash

Councilwoman Gonzales, why do you rent vehicles verses purchase them?

Chief Bergeron, for undercover operations

Councilman Wells, for officers that been having wrecks- have they attended any classes so this does not happen again.

Chief Bergeron, departmental policy dictates what the disciplinary action may be every time somebody is involved in a wreck, they are sent through a defensive tactics driving class and also instituted within our annual training that will start next year.

Councilman Wells, as of now how many have took the class

Chief Bergeron, not sure how many currently

Councilman Wells, stated he was told by Lacy that when someone has a accident or wreck they take the defensive driving course and I see as of right now we still not doing it.

Chief Bergeron, yes they are sent through the defensive driver class that Officer Shank is the instructor I don't know how many has took the class.

Councilman DiVittorio, is this class taken before they are issued a unit

Chief Bergeron, yes when they are at the police academy they go through a week long defensive driving class

Councilman Wells, stated he would like to table this item until we see how many has completed the defensive driving course.

Chief Bergeron, everyone who is post certified has finished the defensive driver's course.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy., 190 West asked where is this company from and the City used to get trucks from Bill Hood and wondered if these were up for bid.

Jana Thurman, bids were sent out to all companies and this company is from Baton Rouge and they are nationwide. She informed the council that in the packet she started making a chart with communications with companies on bids and she tries to get proposals.

Mike Rockes, N. General Pershing have they already went out for bid and if pushed back another meeting will we lose the bids

Jana Thurman, we will have to do a re-bid

Councilman Leon, asked Councilman Wells if he tried to get information before tonight's meeting.

Councilman Wells, stated a lot of times when he tries to get answers, he really doesn't get any answers. This is why we're in the situation right now because meetings behind closed doors we been working out problems from the past a lot of things the Council is doing is straightening out problems.

Mayor, on issues you have you do not come to us prior to the meeting - questions are asked at meeting. There are 2wks., before the meeting that you could come into the offices to ask any questions you want, and you will get your answer you need. We are always trying to make ourselves better and this is not true that your questions are not answered - doors are always open and anytime you have request.

Online Question: Joe Mier, Hammond, asked why this is being tabled when the question has been answered and the money coming out of the millage account

Online Question: Justen Walker, 17087 E., Hoover Street, Hammond, can they provide in-service forms for the defensive class since 2018

Chief Bergeron, there is a training record on every single officer at the training facility and could be provided

Councilman DiVittorio, how long is the price locked in when it expires

Jana Thurman had to get an extension - the quotes are good for 30-day proposals – she had to call because the meeting was 8 days past the 30 days - it will be up to the company.

Daniel Lambert, 116 N Cate Street, Hammond, has attended the last several Council meetings and every time there is an issue of the Police Department Mr. Wells wants to take the money away. This should not be tabled - it was on last meeting agenda that you all did not attend - Council do your job. Mr. Lambert stated he has recordings of Frank DiVittorio asking about any dirt on the Chief.

Councilwoman Gonzales, informed Mr. Lambert that this is not regarding the issue

Patrick Strahan, 19480 Dr. John Lambert Dr., Hammond, stated this has been on the agenda for several weeks. This bid is locked in at a short amount of time and why there is a continued block and what is the agenda against funds for the Police Department. There is a need for police to respond to calls and now it's tabled again from last meeting. If you attended the last meeting, then it could have been handled and the information would have been provided if questions were asked earlier. The entire community needs police department.

Stephen Quinn, 42328 S. Airport Road, embarrassed because it has not been voted on yet and we are pointing fingers lets stick to the subject and move forward with the meeting.

Online Question: Carol Herold, 2208 Sherry Drive, why are we not moving forward with confirming we know they all certified in defensive driving when they are post certified and it's required by law.

Councilman Wells, the Millage comes from the taxpayers this is still the taxpayer's money.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to TABLE the purchase Ten (10) fully equipped Police Tahoe's from Dana Safety Supply in the amount of \$438,872.00 RFP 21-06.

Vote: Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (N), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (N)
Motion TABLED 3-2

5. A resolution to purchase (2) Two F-150 Regular Cab trucks for the Water & Sewer Department from Bill Hood Ford in the amount of \$46,938.00. Jana Thurman communicated with 5 different companies there was some concerns if the 2021 will be available and confirmed with Bill Hood that would be able to purchase and have it delivered within 90 to 120 days.

Councilman Wells, how many vehicles does the Water & Sewer department have as of now

Guy Palermo, about 25 vehicles

Councilman Wells, how many were purchased within the last 2yrs.

Guy Palermo, 4 for the meter readers - none for the maintenance side - the last time maintenance received vehicles were three years ago.

Councilman Wells, asked about electronic meter readers

Guy Palermo, putting them in as we go - too costly to do all at one time and its being done in house

Councilman Wells, he is having problems in his area with false reads and bills are being too high with the digital meters no should go out to read - is this correct

Guy Palermo, we will still need to send someone out to read to make sure if there is a leak, or been tampered

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the purchase of (2) Two F-150 Regular Cab trucks for the Water & Sewer Department from Bill Hood Ford in the amount of \$46,938.00.

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

6. A resolution to approve the Mayor to enter contract with ARRCO Company Services for Generator Maintenance and Repair Services. Total Annual Preventive Maintenance amount of \$27,266.29 and repair services hourly rate of \$119.00. Jana Thurman, stated this is generator maintenance for all City buildings- currently the City has 51 generators. AARCO was the lowest bid and received 6 proposals.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked which generator is listed to be serviced

Jana Thurman, this is all City building generators

Councilman Andrews, will this exceed the budget

Jana Thurman comes from each department budget, but this will be saving money

Councilman Wells, asked why does Hwy 190 have so many generators

Guy Palermo, these are portable generators to help with stations

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Motion Approved 5-0

7. A resolution to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Lonestar Prestress Manufacturer, Inc. to provide a Pre-fabricated Restroom Building for Mooney Park in the amount of \$82,895.00. Jana Thurman, stated she received 3 proposals and one came in late and was rejected. The lowest proposal is Lonestar Prestress Manufacturer, Inc.

Louise Bostic, 112 Elm Drive, has anyone been shown pictures - the reason for this question is in Orange Park there is a large building with questionable activity that goes on constantly. This restroom blocks the view of the park – she hope this does not happen in Mooney Park. Hope the neighborhood around Mooney Park is given clear information on what they are given.

Cyril Gaiennie: Mooney Park is not in a flood zone and the reason the building in Orange Park is so high is in a flood zone. This structure in Mooney will be 2ft., lower total pre-fabricated this is a concrete structure.

Councilman Wells, thanked CC for placing the restroom in Mooney Park in his district and it looks good.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Lonestar Prestress Manufacturer, Inc. to provide a Pre-fabricated Restroom Building for Mooney Park in the amount of \$82,895.00.

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

8. A resolution to approve Budget Change Form 21-03 to add funding for concrete street improvements on Brandi Lane, specifically transferring \$130,000 from Concrete Street Repairs - Brandi Lane (project 12116) and \$40,000 from Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements FY2020 (project 12010) and \$80,000 from Surplus Available Funds (42015800 - 560330) to Concrete Street Improvements FY2020 (project 12022).
Webb Anderson, stated these funds will finish Brandi Lane to Old Baton Rouge Hwy.

Councilman DiVittorio, thanked Webb and the administration for working with him on this project- there were some severe flooding problems.

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Motion Approved 5-0

9. A resolution to request proposals for legal services for FY 2020-2021 for Hammond City Council members. Councilman Andrews, stated allocated funds were set aside for legal services and he would like to move forward to accept proposals.

Councilman Leon, there were concerns expressed at budget work session that the Council have legal Counsel. Councilman Leon asked City Attorney, Andre Coudrain in the City Charter it doesn't allow just legal counsel it specifically allows for legal counsel on an issue or case by case event.

City Attorney, Andre Coudrain, stated he's the chief legal advisor to the Council and to the Mayor, and all City's boards, commissions, and departments. The Charter does give the Council the ability to hire its own legal advisor on an issue by issue basis and it takes a majority vote of the authorize membership. A request for proposal is usually a narrative it's what services you want provided and knowing what you want in terms of legal services. On a case by case basis it may depend on what case you want to refer it will depend on what lawyer you would want to hire.

Councilman Leon, does the Council as a whole have to vote in favor of hiring an attorney for a particular case

Andre Coudrain, it requires a majority vote of the authorize membership (3) to vote to hire a legal advisor on a issues by issue basis it will have to be discussed, debated, and then referred by the Council to a legal advisor.

Councilman Leon, then at that point an RFP will be issued

Andre Coudrain, yes

Councilman Leon, as it's written now there is no specification, no financial perimeters, no case maybe just rewritten then submitted.

Councilwoman Gonzales, a question is who is creating the RFP and what are we're asking for - a list of Attorney's with different specialties, flat rate, hourly rate, or using what the Attorney General hourly rate is these are the questions that need to be set out. Stated she needs more clarification.

Councilman DiVittorio, this is just placing on the agenda to move forward to prepare for the RFP. The next step to where this in place and does pass will get with all the Councilman, City Attorney to organize a proposal guideline sheet for different Attorneys- this was my understanding.

Councilman Leon, this is not what this resolution states

Councilwoman Gonzales, the RFP states what the specifications are- there's nothing that says what an Attorney is bidding on and thinks there should be a work session.

Councilman Wells, stated it's amazing that Councilman Leon just brought this up and if I bring up something I had 2 weeks to looks at it this was brought up in the budget hearing in July so why now are we talking about this at this time when we have issues we should not have to wait.

Andre Coudrain, stated he's the Chief legal advisor to the Council because that's what the Charter says. The Council can choose to ask questions and ask advice.

Councilman DiVittorio, will we set up a committee for a RFP

Andre Coudrain, once there is some direction on what the Council is looking for you have to know what area of law you looking for because it challenging.

Councilman DiVittorio, thought this resolution was to have something in place if the Council would have to seek any specialty attorney that we see fit- that everything would be place that it wouldn't take months and this resolution is good but, may need to be reworded.

Lacy Landrum the key issue is what is the scope of work - is there a specific project or different issues. Is there a consensus on how much money to spend on it because there are different needs at different times are you writing an RFP just for 1 advisor providing a lump sum project or you hiring them on an hourly basis? Then asking them to give you that agreement on that amount.

Councilman Andrews, suggested to TABLE the item to provide more information

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to TABLE a resolution to request proposals for legal services for FY 2020-2021 for Hammond City Council members

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

10. A resolution to initiate an investigation into the Mayor's appointment of the Police Chief.

Councilman Andrews, constituents have been asking about the booking room video and he wants this matter investigated due to the fact of not seeing all the information and not having all the reports and getting a clear understanding to move forward.

Councilman Leon what's trying to be accomplished?

Councilman Andrews, did not feel comfortable with the amount of information being provided with at that time to make a sound decision. The City just paid a large amount of money to an Ex Chief and looks like we were heading in the same direction. To have a clear understanding of what was given if there was report given by FBI - is there a letter states they were cleared, or the Chief was cleared that the Council could see on paper to clear this up and clear all doubt this is what I'm trying to accomplish.

Mayor, asked the City Attorney to comment on when this first started

Attorney, Andre Coudrain, stated in April of 2018 the FBI inquired about the jail booking incident that involved Mr. Ratliff. Chief Stewart sent the FBI the video and police reports that were arising out of this incident. Stated he advised Chief Stewart to keep a record of what was sent to the FBI and the FBI is not forthcoming with information what reviewed or investigated that's for their own purposes. Chief Stewart, did send a letter at his suggestion to the FBI to memorialize that he was sending the video and all the reports that was requested for their review. There is a distinction in the FBI between a review and investigation- these are two entirely different things. The FBI did a review. There was also a disciplinary action pending involved with Officer Mushinsky which could not move forward with Internal Affairs Investigation of that officer while that FBI review was taking place because the possibility of criminal chargers. He advised Chief Stewart that we need to stay on top of this because we couldn't move forward with the Internal Affairs Investigation. Chief Stewart followed up with the FBI in May of 2018 he then reported to me that the FBI will not give you a letter about their review. Chief Stewart, reported to him that based on his telephone call with the FBI that the inquiry was complete and resulted in no further investigation by the FBI nor any Federal Criminal proceedings against any of the Police involved. They reviewed that incident in whole and this was communicated to Officer Mushinsky's lawyer and they said it was ok to move forward with IA investigation. FBI requested information and that was provided by Chief Stewart. The City Attorney stated he called the FBI Agent Smith on August 21, and asked him to confirm that video and reports were reviewed and no criminal investigation or no further FBI action was taken and he confirmed that information. The City Attorney stated that the FBI did tell him as a result of recent inquiries and concerns about the video. It is being re-reviewed and he did speak with a special agent that's in the process of re-viewing the video and Police reports and this is the status as of now and he stated he informed the FBI the City will fully cooperate.

Councilman Wells, the reason he is asking for an investigation is because it's a black eye on the City. Councilman Wells stated the Mayor was aware of video and he hid it from him and what else he's hiding and we knew about a clip of the video and the administration knew about the video. On Monday, Mr. Sullivan stated he was the first one to see the video and he was a part of the Civil Service board which the Mayor appointed him - he also stated Lacy and Mayor seen the video and this is why we want an investigation. The Council was not aware of the video. The clipping he received was in his mailbox - the package they received was 2 weeks ago and if this was given before the Mayor brought Chief Bergeron before we wouldn't need an investigation.

Mayor, the clip you received was the same channel 9 news had of the video

*****Video of the previous Council Meeting was shown*****

Mayor, in the video you stated you saw clips of the video

Councilman Wells, why didn't you show the entire video and why didn't you tell us about the entire video

Mayor, what video did you see that someone sent you?

Councilman Wells, stated if his father would have beat one of his brothers he would not get approved for a job. Asked Mayor why wasn't the 13 minute clip shown and why didn't you tell the City Council and Mr. Sullivan stated he did not have a problem with what he saw - Mayor what did you see?

Mayor, saw the suspect come over desk and trying to get him under control - the officer at the time Mr. Bergeron saying he was out cuffs.

Councilman Wells, stated he spoke with Mr. Bergeron and stated the guy was going for the weapon not the pills

Lacy Landrum, what does this resolution entails, the incident or investigation into the process of the appointment

Councilman Andrews, was process followed and information was not provided

Lacy Landrum, believes the Council was provided all information that was requested- there was an entire disciplinary file, Mr. Bergeron at that time the entire personal, and training file along with summaries of all the process and criteria that the City used- everything that was requested was provided. There were lots of discussion about the video - when there are questions you have or still on your mind it helps to communicate those.

Councilman Andrews, true all that information was provided but, there was no video to the extent of what was seen last week.

Mayor, officers were cleared by the Civil Service Board

Lacy Landrum, the packet that was made has was never been requested it was provided because of the discussion about the incident. There has not been any public record request until last week for the incident itself.

Councilman Andrews, are you referring to this packet that Council received 2 weeks ago.

Lacy Landrum, yes

Councilman Andrews, when these question come up I want to provide the right answer. It would have been nice if this was included in all the other items brought before us then.

Lacy Landrum, it was discussed then it was emphasized that this was not part of Mr. Bergeron files this was attached to another office that was disciplined for this event which was several months prior. Emails and other information can be provided with what was given.

Councilman Wells is asking for an investigation into the Mayor appointment for the Police Chief. Asking for full investigation of what's going with the video.

Councilwoman Gonzales, who is going to investigate?

Andre Coudrain, stated there was a Council investigation voted by the council years ago because there was a question wheatear a department head meet a residency of the charter. The Council voted for the investigation and asked him to perform the investigation- he stated he did and reported back to the Council. It's unclear on what you want to investigate.

Councilman DiVittorio, do you want to amend to clarify who you want to investigate or get a committee or third party.

Councilman Wells, the Council does not ask for very much and there going around doing the investigation and they do not want us as a council to have a lawyer. Stated that Andre Coudrain works for the City and the Mayor- this is why the Council needs its own attorney- this is the game the City is playing. In the process we still have concerned citizens that want an answer and as Councilmen we want an answer. We have to go back into our community with unanswered questions. The same package that was given 2 weeks why this package wasn't given when the Mayor brought the Chief before the Council.

Jermaine Luckett, 515 Gardere Lane, Baton Rouge La. use of force paperwork would show that a number of officers broke the law and broke the code of ethics. The relationship between the Police Chief and Mayor – they are childhood friends – a conflict of interest- of course he's not going to want to do an investigation. The actual investigation was not done by an FBI it was done by a retired FBI Agent. The officer that they are saying was disciplined was not punished - his civil police code was violated he wasn't investigated. The problem is not just the Police Chief it's a City that does not stand behind for what's right. Why was he a candidate because there was a conflict of interest and the pictures that were taken as evidence where are they? The Council received an incomplete package and an incomplete package does not give complete information and you as Council can't do your job. Mr. Luckett stated he was pulled over today for a traffic infraction - stated he also knows the street team had orders to find who he was from the previous interview. The problem we're facing is the fear of the citizens. The previous Police Chief was fired for a little of nothing. We can clearly see a man was beating when handcuffed

at what point will you stop need to find a way to hold those accountable that break the law that's all people want not just someone. What video was sent to the FBI and at what point do we hold the City accountable for breaking the law. If Mayor can't give what you need there's something called a recall fight back. The Federal Government should investigate this incident.

Mayor, the Federal Government was involved to begin with and you were pulled over for wrong license plate while driving without insurance and driving without a license.

Andre Randall, 14163 Happywoods Drive, Hammond, La. this is not a black or white issue this is about a kid getting beat by the police officers in handcuffs. If you could close your eyes for a second and picture that was your child getting beat no matter if he was black, white, blue, or green. Stated he's disappointed with the Mayor.

Kendrick Ratliff, stated he was violated as a man and human being why this was covered up and he wants the truth and wants justice.

Stephen Quinn, 42328 S. Airport Road, the flag represents America and Hammond La., volunteered in the United States Army to serve this country the last words says liberty and justice. He stated he wants to see Liberty and Justice.

Online Question, Ronald Valentine, 19013 Old Covington, asked why we just can't ask the Louisiana State Police to review the full video and packet.

Terrence Lee, 13462 Adams Road, Hammond LA., stated he been knowing the Mayor for over 25 years and knowing most of those on the Council for over 20 yrs., or longer. My concerns are as a public servant but the Mayor's office the Chief of Police all of us carry the same public servant and there is a level of accountability. There has been a lot of jumping around policies that should be in place and this City is built on a Charter and if the Charter does not work you need change the bylaws of the Charter. We're trying to resolve a problem and there's a problem that's facing our City and its becoming a custom or a tradition. It is about accountability and people are hurting today. There should be an amendment to the charter and let the people vote on who the Police Chief should be because it's our community and the community should have a voice. This information that's been withheld is critical for our city going forward and it need to be addressed - don't run from it. If you continue doing this you're building a time bomb in this City. Somebody needs to sit down at the table but the community has its own voice. There is a protocol for everything if you build a level of tolerance it becomes a systematic culture of injustice. Let's visit the by-laws and make the changes or set an advisory board in place - somebody will need therapy for stress and pressure.

Sandra Weary, 17477 E. Park Ave., Hammond La., ask Lacy did you say that this report was not against Chief Bergeron

Lacy Landrum, this video was not in Bergeron disciplinary file because it was not attached to his name it was another officer

Sandra Weary, asked the Mayor when you made your appointment based on the fact that this was not attached to the file. Did you make the appointment on that you did now about this until this came out

Mayor, stated he wants to be transparent and the FBI reviewed it. He stated he's not a Police officer - he doesn't know what they supposed to do - there are tactics they are taught. The kick in the groin is what was investigated and he tried to discipline - it was then in the hands of the Civil Service and was thrown out due to the investigation not documented.

Sandra Weary, did the family complain about Chief Bergeron

Mayor, not to my knowledge - it was about the kick to the groin

Sandra Weary, you did you make your appointment based on the information you had

Mayor, did my appointment based on the information I had and there wwas no discipline brought before him. Mistakes are made but we are trying to get better. The prior Chief did not do community policing but Chief Bergeron does community policing.

Sandra Weary, stated she left City not to return but God said go back to get it right. The devil hates cohesiveness the devil loves to divide - we need to come together appoint a committee someone that's not from here to look at it objectively.

Steve Racke, Farbes Farm, been here for 4-5 Police Chiefs. People make mistakes and stated he's seen the good bad and he is a graduate of the FBI Academy. We are all human and you have to ask yourself are we better off now than we were before. When you do a job and you look at film everything is not detected in a film. Stated this man that's doing his job he's a freak for training he has implemented training for de-escalation. He may have had made a mistake and may have learned from this - he has stood in a truck stop and holds prayers he's trying. FBI will be investigating and NAACP will be investigating and there needs to be an investigating ask yourself are you better off with this man and thinks he's a godly man, and good man.

Patrick Strahan, 19480 Dr. John Lambert Dr., apologies for the fraud statement he stated it appears the council is divided and as a City there is division - there's a lack of transparency. The resolution is confusing is it the Mayor's appointment or the investigation as a whole what are we asking for? Is an investigation been requested to ease minds and hearts to restore community- if so move forward. It truly should be a restoration of the community not an agenda we should be together not divided this looks like an agenda - be a council that comes together. There needs to be communication breakdown barriers and we need unity.

Councilman Andrews, we need to heal the City and stated he's been around law enforcement all his life also and he's in law enforcement and knows the job they do and stress they take. Hammond is a good place to live but, we're not going to tolerate these type of things and it needs to be transparent. Citizens are asking questions and I can't turn my back or walk away from it so it needs to be addressed. There is no personal agenda just want to see the right thing done.

Councilman Wells, everybody had an opportunity to speak on Monday the Chief did not speak – he had the opportunity to speak as well as the Mayor, and Lacy.

Earlene Dangerfield, 801 Hope Street, Hammond, really upset over the whole situation -these times you would think this would not be anymore. The video shows the young man being beaten and his children and wife there at the meeting this is not a good influence for this family. Its time out for all this there was a time that Tangipahoa Parish was known as Bloody Tangipahoa and if we don't get it together it's going to be that again because these young people don't care about life. Please get this together before it's too late.

Alton Carter, 406 J.W. Davis Drive, Hammond, Citizen of Hammond for 55 yrs., stated he was a victim of police brutality

Councilwoman Gonzales, there will be a Townhall meeting that Councilman Wells is hosting to speak on that subject

Alton Carter, stated he was not asked questions and he was beaten and something needs to be done.

Thad Gautier, Sgt., HPD, 120 S. Oak stated he initiated the stop on Mr. Ratliff and he was in the booking room video. Asked in Edwin's confirmation hearing in March 2019 approximately 9 people brought up that video and knew that it existed as some stated they seen it- if it was an issue and we all new about why not table it then like the police vehicles were table but wait three years later to bring it back up. Stated that a video was sent to your house with no return address – would like to know are you willing to release the video to public so we can see what you saw and your motivation on tonight.

Oscar Dantzer, Jr., Chief operates under the Home Rule Charter which governs his job description. The police shall direct and be responsible for the preservation of public peace and order but the video shows just the opposite. The chief and the officers committed several crimes we must act not before it's too late against police brutality, racial profiling, racial discrimination, and segregation. The Federal Constitution state all men are create and supposed to be treated equally tired of being treated like third class citizens. We question that the Council and Mayor will get rid of the Police Chief and everyone that was involved in that booking room. The police chief should be elected and Council should send it to the FBI because something needs to be done. The video is a disgrace and it has to stop now because it affects the whole community, parish, state, country.

Jaeda Giovingo, HPD, reserve officer with the City of Hammond for the last year. Experience in law enforcement in 2000 in Orleans in Parish prison. Stated her experience with Chief Bergeron before he became Chief - he helped mold her career. He's had meetings to bridge police and community. Stated they discovered a program and she volunteered to go to Florida to get training at my cost. I wanted to do something to help bridge the gap between civilian and officers relationships it will always be a problem if its black against white and officers against civilians she know both sides spectrum. We as a people have to stop pointing fingers and figure out a solution to come together and do something different. People are angry- they are looking for someone to blame. Stated she's certified to teach officers and the community she wants to bridge the gap between civilians and officers. Stated she exited to see changes and excited to be part of law enforcement.

Janice Carter Beard, informed the Council there was a video before the vote on Chief Bergeron. There is a job description police supposed to arrest and judges throughout punishment. If you place someone in that position that's ok with dolling out punishment - that's says everybody up under them and coming up behind them this is acceptable.

Daniel Lambert, 116 N. Cate Street, this happened 3 yrs. ago and the Chief was before everyone and we have established the video was available and everyone saw the clipping of what the Chief did but who sent the video. Stated he knows what it's like to be mistreated by the police and Edwin is not the kind of guy that does that known him for 30 yrs., he's not racist he's a good man. Stated he saw the video - he was punched in the shoulder not in the face and he didn't do the things people are saying he's done. We are hear about the Chief not what other people did and the guy who kicked him in the groin was the senior officer in the room.

Councilman Andrews, wants an amendment to have the investigation through outside entity or FBI to investigate

Councilman Leon, what are we investigating - we keep going in circles and all we want to know is what happened. The Mayor already started the process let him finish it. We want the video investigated.

Councilman Wells, we need an investigation

Councilman Leon, What are we investigating?

Councilman Wells, wants an amendment to the motion to rescind the Police Chief appointment for not disclosing the video prior to the appointment.

Councilwoman Gonzales, what are we voting on- we have the power to vote on and the power to investigate it needs to be clear.

Councilman Andrews, the process of the video investigated and have a full investigation.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and Second by Councilman Wells to AMEND the resolution to read: a resolution to refer the booking room video to an independent third party expert for review and a written report

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

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve a resolution to refer the booking room video to an independent third party expert for review and a written report

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

11. A resolution asking the Mayor to remove the Police Chief from Office. Councilman Wells, stated the police chief was appointed by the Mayor and the Council approved this appointment - at the time the mayor brought the chief before us he knew about the video - the chief was a Sgt. at the time and he did not present all the information to me because if did I know for sure I would not have voted for him. During this time a 30 second video was released when I asked the Chief he said the guy grabbed for his gun. Asked the chief about playing the video - he stated it was not a good idea. The Council should have been presented with all information when the Chief came before the board.

Asking for the Mayor to remove the Chief.

Councilman Leon, since this is a personnel matter should the Council get in a personnel matter - can it be a resolution.

Andre Coudrain, it can be a resolution and the Council could ask the Mayor to do something but, it has no force or effect in law because only the Mayor has the authority to remove the Chief - the Council does not have the authority to remove the Chief - it has no legal effect.

Councilman Leon, we're all angry and frustrated about the booking room video and hopefully we will get some resolution to that but, thinks the council should stay within its guidelines. Andre if the council gets involved into this by voting yea or nay does the City have liability.

Andre Coudrain, under the Charter and City Policy and procedures that was approved by ordinance - the council does not have authority over personnel to hire and fire.

Councilman Leon, is this getting you what you want

Councilman Wells, just asking the Mayor to remove the Chief from office. Stated he knows the Council cannot remove the Chief asking the Mayor to remove the Chief because he did not give us all the information. This is why the Council needs to have its own Attorney.

Jennifer Payne, asked the Mayor if he has any intentions to remove the Chief from office

Mayor, will not remove him based on the based on the current information

Jennifer Payne, there is no one else to investigate this incident the FBI reviewed this and if anything stood out they would have investigated. Asking to help the police department get better if there is something we can do better for you tell us. We have to make it work and what's the end game? It will not get better than what we have.

Jermaine Luckett, a violation of the police code of ethics is a violation of law. This is a case where personal feelings and personal relationships is upheld above the law. Stated he personally sent an outside review about a Use of Force document it stated every officer in that room minus Mushinsky broke the law. Personal feelings cannot be the reason you keep someone on the force, personal feelings cannot be the reason you turn a blind eye to certain things. If we're going to be leaders we have to stand up for what's right it's called integrity if you do not have integrity you should not be a leader. We all make mistakes this is true but, need say you're wrong and accept the consequences. Better police force starts at the top and need to look at Mayor as well and ask that the next police Chief be an elected official. Ask that the FBI investigate this matter let it stand if he's innocent let him be innocent if his guilty let him be guilty. We cannot allow this to continue to happen.

Online Question, Bruce Olemen 43444 Pine Road, what's on the video that the council has an issue with practically from the Chief aspect? If it's what we see on the clip that was leaked you seen everything that was related to Chief Bergeron. If it was not on the clip what on the full video did you see pertaining to the wrong doing only on the Chiefs part?

Kendrick Ratliff, this situation happened on a traffic stop while no one was driving. Stated he was taken to the police station, he was violated, kicked, punched, kicked in the groin, stumped in face. The ambulance came and they informed the police that the medicines was prescribed and had multiple chargers for what? They stated there was no video from 2017 it was a cover-up. Then in 2018 there was a 30 second video covered up and still covered up. His rights and constitution was completely messed over completely and then covered up then came up all this time I was going on with my life I was living for my family and my wife. Thank the Lord that this came out and it needs to be fixed.

Brandon Henry, 115 E. Davie Drive Hammond, finally heard from the victim. I don't know the Police Chief and I don't know the Mayor but, he appointed the Police Chief. The Mayor did not show no remorse after hearing the victim speak. Trying to support Hammond and trying to do what's right- this is never right. There is bad and there are good officers on the force but, we have to start at the top.

Jashanda Nelson, 803 Ave., Kentwood La., the issues stretch beyond the appointment of Chief Edwin Bergeron and the booking room incident. The situation brings awareness it helps to shine a light on the true issues at hand individuals, police officers, along with others who are in authority that has demonstrated misconduct, police brutality, and violated Civil Rights of our people violating us the community. There is a pattern for misconduct by the Chief and everyone is talking about the video but, how many other cases were other information was held. Stated she contacted the Mayor office several times and was told the City Attorney will contact her and still waiting for the City Attorney to contact her. There will be more cases if the Chief stays in office. Asked the Mayor what side of justice do he stand on and policies, rules, and regulations apply to everyone. The only way to make change is to demand it and change begins with the Chief needs to be removed from office.

Mayor, stands behind the Chief because he's a good Chief

Oscar Dantzer, Council hands are tied - urging the Council to do something. The Mayor concealed the video from the Council and that's obstruction of justice. The Mayor should not be the Mayor and Council needs to seek their own attorney. The video was very disturbing. The Charter can be amended to give Council power of the City. The City attorney saw video and did not recommend something to be done - this is why the Council needs their own attorney.

Erica Collins, 961 Blackburn Road, the vote matters to the City even if Council can't remove the Chief. This gentlemen was being attacked by someone abusing power. It is important for the Citizens of Hammond to feel secure. Young people are terrified of Police because we think about what can happen to us.

Todd Calmes, doesn't know how to make a complaint about police officers to the City. Stated he tried to make a complaint and the Chief would not let him file a complaint he stated he called the Mayor and he stated he stands behind his Chief. There is still no process on how to file a complaint- this is not right.

Greg Drude, 111North Oak Street, calling this a black and white issue is a wrong way of doing this - people looking at this video disagree upon what happened, how it happened, and who's at fault. If you're going to do an investigation on this send it to the FBI and they already look at it what good will that do or they send it to the Dept., of Justice and they say we don't see anything wrong will this be the end of it or will it ever end. There is no agreement on what anyone is seeing - if you're going to send to the government send it but be careful who its sent to so we can get an end to this it will never heal but, we can agree to disagree. Whoever you choose make sure it's the right person so we can heal.

Stephen Quinn, asked Andre did you get a report from the FBI if it is - where is the report- wants to see it on black and white.

Andre Coudrain, there is no report from the FBI

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio asking the Mayor to remove the Police Chief from Office.

**Vote: Devon Wells (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee Gonzales (N), Kip Andrews (Y), Steve Leon (N)
Motion to Approved 3-2**

12. 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, August 15, 2020, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein. Lacy Landrum, there were 952 votes cast in favor of the proposition and total 189 cast against

the proposition resulting in majority of 763 votes in favor and duel to carry by majority. This was renewal of the Police and Fire. 10% for fire protection, education, training, maintenance of equipment, stations vehicles and communication equipment and acquisition and maintenance of uniforms, protective clothing and tools; 20% for fire protection, acquisition for fire fighting vehicles, equipment & facilities; 10 % for Police education, training and maintenance of equipment, vehicles, stations and communications equipment; 20% police acquisition of vehicles, equipment & facilities, and 40% for paying Police and Fire departmental salaries. Stated this is the Proces Verbal of the canvass of those returns and a certified copy will be forward to the Secretary State who shall record the same in office then another copy to the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Tangipahoa then to the Governing Authority.

Councilman Wells Left the Meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve 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, August 15, 2020, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

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

13. A resolution to accept the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Annual Report for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant as required by Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and specified in the City of Hammond discharge permit. Guy Palermo, stated this is the annual report for DEQ all testing and showing the City is in compliance.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to accept the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Annual Report for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant as required by Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and specified in the City of Hammond discharge permit.

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

14. A resolution 1) accepting a \$35,000 grant from the Airport Improvement Program for design of the Terminal apron joint reseal at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor and/or his designee to sign related documents. David Lobue, this is 100% FAA Grant for rephase & reseal of ramp there is no match required.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and Second by Councilman Leon 1) accepting a \$35,000 grant from the Airport Improvement Program for design of the Terminal apron joint reseal at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor and/or his designee to sign related documents.

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

15. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Lion Environmental, LLC to serve as the city's laboratory compliance manager for an amount of up to \$81,010. The contract period will be from September 1, 2020 until August 31, 2021.

Councilman Wells returned to meeting

Lacy Landrum, this person will act as the City full laboratory and environmental manager for the Sewer treatment and storm water requirements. He will be responsible for all testing and reports related to those efforts he has already assisted with permit renewal for the plant, and help with the quarterly and monthly reporting. Asking to contract this the contract period will be from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021 so this could be a year long effort to bring this in house and will benefit the City because it will ensure consistency. This will be absorbed within the current budget.

Councilman Andrews, is this is a contract person

Lacy Landrum, yes

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Lion Environmental, LLC to serve as the city's laboratory compliance manager for an amount of up to \$81,010. The contract period will be from September 1, 2020 until August 31, 2021

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

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to adopt the following adjusted millage rates and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said corporate limits of the City of Hammond for the Year 2020, for the purpose or raising revenue:

MILLAGE

General Alimony, General Fund (5207001)	9.010 Mills
Fire/Police (5207002)	9.970 Mills
Public Works (5207003)	1.990 Mills
Total	20.970 Mills

Councilman Wells left meeting

Lacy Landrum, this involves two separate ordinances - only happens every 4 years. The first is the adjusted rates that come from the Assessor's Office - they list slightly lower rates because they are trying to create a revenue neutral result. The second ordinance is related once adopt the adjusted rates asking to roll forward to the rates that have been approved by the voters. This is the same exact tax rates that were used last year. Brady from the Tangipahoa Assessor's Office will attend the Public Hearing to answer additional questions.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an ordinance to adopt the following adjusted millage rates and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said corporate limits of the City of Hammond for the Year 2020, for the purpose or raising revenue:

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Motion Approved 4-0**

Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 5:30pm

2. Introduction of an ordinance to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2020, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied . Said millage (rate(s) are: (Lacy Landrum)

(5207001)		
Fire/Police (5207002)	9.970 Mills	10.000 Mills
Public Works (5207003)	1.990 Mills	2.000 Mills
Total	20.970 Mills	21.040 Mills

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an ordinance to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2020, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied . Said millage (rate(s) are:

	Adjusted Rate	2020 Levy
(5207001)		
Fire/Police (5207002)	9.970 Mills	10.000 Mills
Public Works (5207003)	1.990 Mills	2.000 Mills
Total	20.970 Mills	21.040 Mills

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

Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 5:30pm

3. Introduction of an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of items listed below to sell on Govdeal.com.

- **Bobcat Stump Grinder Model #SGx60/B950**
- **District of America, Auto 2-post lift Model 9000EB**
- **Scottsman Ice bin**
- **Portable Air Compressor 1HP**
- **Bobcat Jaw**
- **Woods 3240 Bat wing model 9580**
- **Unit 604 Kubota Tractor M110**
- **Tracks off a Kubota Excavator**
- **Tracks off a Bobcat skid steer**
- **Kohler 180K W Model 180RZD Generator serial 0702759**
- **Bobcat Breaker Model B**

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of items listed below to sell on Govdeal.com.

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Jana Thurman, stated the items were turned over from departments they are either need repairs or they are damaged.

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

Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 5:30pm

4. Introduction of an ordinance to accept permanent servitudes related to drainage improvements on Brandi Lane.

- A. Frances Ard, 406 Brandi Lane, Hammond, LA 70403**
- B. Louis & Angela Billiot, 408 Brandi Lane, Hammond, LA 70403**

Lacy Landrum, attached are signed servitudes meet with both residents and they are located in Council DiVittorio's district. This is to improve drainage in this area and will be on the resident's property.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an ordinance to accept permanent servitudes related to drainage improvements on Brandi Lane.

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- B. Louis & Angela Billiot, 408 Brandi Lane, Hammond, LA 70403**

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

Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 5:30pm

5. Introduction of an ordinance regarding use of the Hammond Rail Spur for a minimum fee of \$350 per rail car. Lacy Landrum, the fee is \$350 per rail car to use the Hammond rail spur this is \$350 per car per roundtrip. This will enable the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement that will cover liability issues, and other issues.

Councilman Andrews, will there be standard price or it could be lower or higher

Lacy Landrum, \$350 will be the base line where it starts. Both of the businesses that currently use the spur has been notified and also of the public hearing. They ask if this implementation can be delayed until February 1, 2021 this coincides with the beginning of their fiscal year.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance regarding use of the Hammond Rail Spur for a minimum fee of \$350 per rail car.

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

Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 5:30pm

6. Introduction for an Ordinance to accept the re-dedication of a portion of Parker Blvd. right of way (60' x 284.81'), and Acceptance of a 1-year Performance Bond/Letter of Credit in the amount of \$10,000 for the construction of an "L" turnaround at the north end of Parker Blvd. located at the intersection of a 19' alley in accordance with survey by Andrew N. Faller dated 1/18/2020 (SUB-2020-01-00117) Recommended approval by the Planning Commission. Tracie Schillace, asking to rededicate and accept the dedication. This was an abandonment by the police jury and is asking to get rededicated to the City. They also agreed to build an L turnaround for safety measures and they have 1 year to construct and provided the City with a bond.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked who will be doing the work

Tracie Schillace, Jamestown is doing the work.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an Ordinance to accept the re-dedication of a portion of Parker Blvd. right of way (60' x 284.81'), and Acceptance of a 1-year Performance Bond/Letter of Credit in the amount of \$10,000 for the construction of an "L" turnaround at the north end of Parker Blvd. located at the intersection of a 19' alley in accordance with survey by Andrew N. Faller dated 1/18/2020 (SUB-2020-01-00117) Recommended approval by the Planning Commission.

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

Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 5:30pm

X. ADJOURN: There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adjourn the meeting. Motion 4-0 to adjourn

XI. There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to reopen the meeting to reconsider the of purchase (10) Ten fully equipped Police Tahoe's from Dana Safety Supply in the amount of \$438,872.00 RFP 21-06.

Michael Lindsey 111 Edwin Neil Way was in support of the reconsideration

Vote: Devon Wells (Absent), Sam DiVittorio (Abstain), Carlee Gonzales (Y), Kip Andrews (N), Steve Leon (Y). Motion Failed: 2 Yeas, 1 Nay, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent

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