



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
March 26, 2024  
5:30pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews**

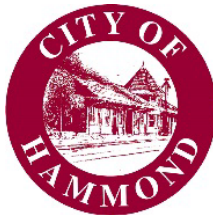
**II. ROLL CALL:** Councilman Andrews (P), Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Wells (Absent)

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. An ordinance for an election proposing an amendment to section 5-08 of the City of Hammond Home Rule Charter.

**Brennan Black**, explained the proposed amendment.

**No Public Comments**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
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March 26, 2024  
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

**I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews**

**II. ROLL CALL:** Councilman Andrews (P), Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Wells (absent)

**III. PRAYER: Councilman Kip Andrews**

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2024 Meeting

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024 meeting.**

**VOTE:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (absent) Motion Approved 4-0

**VI. PRESENTATION: Karen Wallsten** – Housing Enhancement Committee Chair, gave the council and update on the work they have been doing and upcoming events. She talked about two focus areas; 1) educating the public on housing services, programs, property titles and succession issues. 2)

Development of affordable home ownership, abandon and blighted properties. They are looking at local nonprofits housing groups to assist and obtain funding.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated he appreciates the work of the committee and thanked the committee.

**Councilman Andrews**, thanked the committee for their hard work.

## VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AND ORDINANCE

1. Final adoption of an ordinance for an election proposing an amendment to section 5-08 of the City of Hammond Home Rule Charter.

Brennan Black, reiterated what he stated previously.

**Debra McQueen**, 1002 Magazine St, asked what the ordinance was proposing.

**Dr. Lacy Landrum**, explained the ordinance and this would bring the city into alignment with the state laws and it is up to a vote of the people.

**Councilman Andrews**, stated it should be decided by the people.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to adopt an ordinance for an election proposing an amendment to section 5-08 of the City of Hammond Home Rule Charter.**

**VOTE:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (absent) Motion Approved 4-0

## VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

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

**Dr. Lacy Landrum**, explained the introduction and reviewed the list of items to be sold.

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

1. MODEL# CME506AS-1D ICE MAKER
2. MODEL# CME506AS-1D ICE MAKER – NO BOTTOM
3. MODEL# 583810-11D SCOTSMAN ICE MAKER
4. SCOTSMAN ICE MAKER
5. MODEL 6720LV 5525 UT 2008 JD TRACTOR WITH CUTTER
6. MODEL L2225 2010 KUBOTA TRACTOR WITH WOODS FINISH MOWER
7. 4 - CYLINDER DIESEL WANKESHA ENGINE
8. 6 - CYLINDER DIESEL WANKESHA ENGINE WITH DIESEL TANK
9. DODGE GEAR REDUCTION BOX PART#248280
10. HONDA CONCRETE SAW
11. 3” WB30XT PUMP (IN PIECES)
12. 2” WB20XT PUMP
13. 3” SAND PIPE OR PUMP
14. NUMEROUS (6 -55 GALLON DRUM FULL) BRASS WATER METERS
15. SCRAP IRON UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF FIRE HYDRANTS, METER BOXES, BROKE CI PIPES, REPAIR COUPLINGS, VALVES, SEWER RISER RINGS
16. 2005 JD UTV 4X4
17. 14 SETS METAL CLOTHING LOCKERS
18. UNIT 975 2013 FORD EXPLORER
19. UNIT 845 2011 CHEVY TAHOE
20. UNIT 977 2012 CHEVY TAHOE
21. UNIT 566 2004 HME 1871-P2 PUMPER FIRE TRUCK

**VOTE:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (absent) Motion Approved 4-0

## PUBLIC HEARING April 9, 2024

## IX. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, to vote upon the adoption of amendments to the current City of Hammond Home Rule Charter, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**Brennan Black**, Foley & Judell L.L.P., stated this sets out the proposition and application for the State Board Commission and will be on the ballot for the November 5, 2024 election.

**City Attorney Andre Coudrain**, stated this covers both items that will be on the November 5<sup>th</sup> presidential election ballot.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, to vote upon the adoption of amendments to the current City of Hammond Home Rule Charter, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.**

**VOTE:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (absent) Motion Approved 4-0

## X. REPORTS:

**Mayor:** stated they had a successful BBQ, Fire and Police of Year award and successful Easter Egg Hunt and Tractor Pull and told everyone to enjoy the Easter Holiday.

**Council:**

**Councilman DiVittorio** stated the Easter Egg Hunt in the park was a success.

**Councilman Andrews**, invited everyone out to the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday in Martin Luther King Park at 11 am and wished everyone a Happy Easter.

**XI. ADJOURN:** There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second **Councilman Andrews** to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. Motion Approved 4-0

**CERTIFICATION OF CLERK**

I LISA COCKERHAM, 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 MARCH 26,

2024

BEING 3 PAGES IN LENGTH

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LISA COCKERHAM  
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

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PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS  
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL