



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
July 9, 2024  
5:30pm**

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

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. 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 2024, for the purpose of raising revenue:

**MILLAGE:**

General Alimony, General Funds (5207001)	8.730 Mills
Fire/Police (5207002)	9.650 Mills
Public Works (5207003)	1.930 Mills
Total	20.310 Mills

**Mayor Panepinto**, explained the ordinance.

**No Public Comment**

2. 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 2024, and when collected, the revenue from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rates are"

	Adjusted Rate	2024 Levy
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Fire/Police (5207002)	9.650 Mills	10.000 Mills
Public Works 5207003	1.930 Mills	2.000 Mills
Total	20.310 Mills	21.040 Mills

**Mayor Panipento**, explained the ordinance.

**No Public Comment**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
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July 9, 2024  
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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

**II. ROLL CALL:** Councilman Kip Andrews, (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (P), Councilman Devon 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 June 24, 2024 Meeting

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the the Minutes of June 24, 2024 meeting.**

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

**VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:**

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

**VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:**

**1.** Introduction of an Ordinance to Set Water Sewer and Garbage fees for Single Family Properties.

**Councilman Andrews**, ask that the item be tabled. He stated he was informed of an upcoming water study and would like to table until after the study.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and a second by Councilman DiVittorio to table an Ordinance to Set Water Sewer and Garbage fees for Single Family Properties.**

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

### **VIII. RESOLUTIONS:**

**1.** A resolution to approve Off The Hook - Hammond located at 370 S. Morrison Blvd. Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Moreaux Restaurant Group, LLC.

**Mayor Pete Panepinto**, all requirements have been met

**Jordan Moreaux**, owner was present to answer questions.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to approve Off The Hook - Hammond located at 370 S. Morrison Blvd. Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Moreaux Restaurant Group.**

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

**2.** A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into the annual Maintenance Agreement including Mowing and Litter Pickup for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025 between Hammond and the State of Louisiana, DOTD, Office of Engineering.

**Mayor Pete Panepinto**, explained the agreement.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the Mayor to enter into the annual Maintenance Agreement including Mowing and Litter Pickup for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025 between Hammond and the State of Louisiana, DOTD, Office of Engineering.**

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

**3.** A resolution supporting the submission of an application to the Apache Corporation Tree Grant Program for 240 trees for an annual Louisiana Arbor Day tree giveaway January 17, 2025.

**Mayor Panepinto**, explained the grant.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon supporting the submission of an application to the Apache Corporation Tree Grant Program for 240 trees for an annual Louisiana Arbor Day tree giveaway January 17, 2025.**

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

**4.** A resolution of the Hammond City Council confirming the Appointment of Monica Perez to the Planning and Zoning Commission (Mayor Panepinto).

**Mayor Panepinto**, stated Monica was a current member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and was unable to attend the meeting.

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon to confirm the re-appointment of Monica Perez to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a four-year term from July 14, 2024 – July 14, 2028.**

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

**5.** A resolution to approve the appointment of Charles Borchers IV as the Director of Administration for the City of Hammond with an annual salary of \$80,000 effective July 10, 2024.

**Mayor Panepinto**, stated Charles has been with the city for the past 12 years and has handled more than \$20 million in grants and has assisted in other areas. He stated he does a great job and would be a great fit.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, stated that Charles have done a great job and he always respond and his responses are very thorough and she thinks he is a good fit.

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to approve the appointment of Charles Borchers IV as the Director of Administration for the City of Hammond with an annual salary of \$80,000 effective July 10, 2024.

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

### **IX. REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** stated July 4, was a big success and thanked the Ciolino family and every one that attended . He announced the back to school bash/ backpack give-away on July 26, from 9am to noon at Hammond Westside School.

**Council:**

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, recognized the loss of Pete Lentini, City of Hammond building official who was killed in a car accident.

**Councilman Andrews**, thanked the Mayor for bringing the body of Pete Lentini back home. Councilman Andrews, recognized Bishop Soule.

**Bishop Soule**, spoke on behalf of the Hammond Housing Committee about the Hammond Tangiphoa Home Mortgage Authority and efforts of the Hammond Housing Committee.

**X . ADJOURN**

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to adjourn. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. 4-0 to adjourn

**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 July 9, 2024 BEING 4 PAGES IN LENGTH

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LISA COCKERHAM  
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

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PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS  
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL