



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA**

**October 22, 2024**

**5:30pm**

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

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. An ordinance to approve a request by Mitch Crayton on behalf of Hammond Cypress Crossing, Inc. to approve the Cypress Crossing Subdivision (Lots 1-14, G1, G2, G3), originally presented by Red, LLC, located in Block 97 of the Hyer Survey, Section 25 T6S-R7E, Greensburg Land District, City of Hammond, with the following considerations:

- a. In accordance with the Final Plat by William J. Bodin, Jr. dated revised June 4, 2019;
- b. In accordance with the As Builts by Max J. Bodin, Inc., dated revised September 3, 2024;
- c. With revocation of the most westerly portion of unimproved East Park Avenue right-of-way, shown as Lot 15 (measuring 54' x 92.5') on the Final Plat by Bodin & Webb Inc., dated revised June 4, 2019;
- d. Acceptance of a two-year maintenance letter of credit for streets, water, sewer, and lighting; and
- e. Acceptance of a one-year performance letter of credit for sidewalks.

Recommended 3-0 for approval by the Zoning Commission. (Charles Borchers)

**Charles Borchers**, Director of Administration, explained the item. He stated that Planning and Zoning Commission approved this item.

Mitch Crayton, 101 W. Thomas, Hammond, property owner was present and explained the process and plan.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked about previous issues.

**Charles Borchers**, explains that the owner has addressed them.

**Mayor Panepinto** explained that there were some items that they had to correct.

**No Public Comment**

2. An ordinance to approve a request for annexation by Hi Park LLC & Edson Group Limited Partnership to annex 6.92 acres located on Hipark Blvd in accordance with the Survey by Andrew Faller dated August 15, 2024 and to be zoned I-L. Recommended 3-0 for approval by the Zoning Commission.

**Charles Borchers**, Director of Administration, explained the item.

**Frankie Cali**, 1518 Martins Drive, Hammond, Ownere of property explained the annexation.

**No Public Comment**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL**

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
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**6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing (5:36PM)**

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

**II. ROLL CALL:** Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVitterio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), 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 October 8, 2024 Meeting

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the the Minutes of October 8, 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:**

1. Final adoption an ordinance to approve a request by Mitch Crayton on behalf of Hammond Cypress Crossing, Inc. to approve the Cypress Crossing Subdivision (Lots 1-14, G1, G2, G3), originally presented by Red, LLC, located in Block 97 of the Hyer Survey, Section 25 T6S-R7E, Greensburg Land District, City of Hammond, with the following considerations:

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

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**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the adoption an ordinance to approve a request for annexation by Hi Park LLC & Edson Group Limited**

Partnership to annex 6.92 acres located on Hipark Blvd in accordance with the Survey by Andrew Faller dated August 15, 2024 and to be zoned I-L. Recommended 3-0 for approval by the Zoning Commission. **VOTE:** Councilman Andrews (Y). Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Motion Approved 4-0

**VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:**

1. Introduction of an ordinance to amend the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to transfer \$28,188.55 from Sales Tax Fund Balance (203) to Airport Fixed Assets (10038000-570000) for the purchase of Woods BW 15.72 15' Batwing Cutter (State Contract 4400.025551)

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

**Ronald Dangerfield**, 314 Wilbert Dangerfield Dr, expressed his concern regarding the grass cutting in his neighborhood.

Mayor Panepinto, noted his concerns

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews** to approve the introduction of an ordinance to amend the City of Hammond budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to transfer \$28,188.55 from Sales Tax Fund Balance (203) to Airport Fixed Assets (10038000-570000) for the purchase of Woods BW 15.72 15' Batwing Cutter (State Contract 4400.025551)

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

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. A resolution affirming the passage of an ordinance on July 9, 2024 to adopt the following adjusted millage rates, levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the 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

**Charles Borchers** explained the item and the reason the city had to affirm the millage.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** to approve a resolution affirming the passage of an ordinance on July 9, 2024 to adopt the following adjusted millage rates, levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Hammond for the Year 2024, for the purpose of raising revenue:

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**Vote:** Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y), Devon Wells (absent). Motion approve 4-0

2. A resolution 1) accepting a \$44,950 grant from the Traffic Safety Grant Program for Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, and Juvenile Underage Drinking Enforcement; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

**Charles Borchers**, explained the grant and that this is the acceptance of the grant.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** 1) accepting a \$44,950 grant from the Traffic Safety Grant Program for Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, and Juvenile Underage Drinking Enforcement; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

**Vote:** Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y), Devon Wells (absent). Motion approve 4-0

3. A resolution to reappoint Guy Recotta to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five year term ending September 30, 2029 (Charles Borchers)

**Mayor Panepinto**, stated Guy has been on the board for the last five years and is willing to serve another term.

**Guy Recotta**, was present and stated he would be honored to serve another five years.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrew and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** to reappoint Guy Recotta to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five-year term ending September 30, 2029.

**Vote:** Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steven Leon (Y), Devon Wells (absent). Motion approve 4-0

4. A resolution to reappoint Mark Rolling to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five year term ending September 30, 2029 (Charles Borchers)

**Mayor Panepinto**, stated Mark has been on the board for fifteen years and is willing to serve another term.

**Mark Rolling**, was present at the meeting.

**Stanley Campbell**, Hammond, asked about term limit and the process for serving.

**Mayor Panepinto**, explained the process and that they have a process back in place.

**Stanley Campbell**, stated that it looks like there is a systemic issue and recycling the same people is not be tge best outcome but he understands.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon** to reappoint Mark Rolling to the Hammond Airport Authority for a five-year term ending September 30, 2029.

**Vote:** Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (abstain), Steven Leon (Y), Devon Wells (absent). Motion approve 3-0

## **IX. REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** stated that he asked Robert Morgan the building official to come up and gave the council and update on the items they had been talking about.

**Robert Morgan**, he explained the state of the planning and zoning department and they are in a good place and it is getting better. He addressed the issues concerning the home in Villa West and what has been done and gave instruction on what needed to be done before his next visit. He stated the property owner was out of the country and upon his return, they are expected to meet.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated that he would like to be present at the next meeting with the property owner to represent his constituents.

**Robert Morgan**, stated that was a good idea.

**Councilman Andrews**, stated that the city is going through an audit and they were going to see if the auditors can look into the building department while they are here.

**Charles Borchers**, explained the related parties document that is a part of the audit and elected officials and department heads much complete, certifying that they are not related to anyone who would benefit from a relationship with anyone from the city. He ask that they complete them tonight.

He gave an update on meeting with the engineer for the flood study. He stated he will attend the next city council meeting to give and update.

**Council:**

**Councilman DiVittorio**, request that the microphones be replaced.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, stated that trick-or-treating downtown will be Wednesday from 5 to 7 pm. City veterans lunch the first Thursday in November.

**Councilman Andrews**, have a meeting on Monday with Charles and the finance department and we should be able to make a presentation at the next city council meeting.

**Cindy Grego**, Rue Chalet, was inquiring about the house at 1100 Rue Chalet.

**City Attorney Andre Coudrain**, stated he communicated with the owner who is out of the country. He is expected back around the end of the month and it's scheduled to be all wrapped up by November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated he would get with Robert Morgan and Andre to get a meeting and inspection.

**Stanley Campbell**, asked if the residents of Villa West get a video of the work that has/been done at the 1100 Rue Chalet. He thinks it seems as there's a lack of transparency and if they can see the inspections themselves, it would alleviate some of their concerns. He also asked the city attorney about clarity on the vote regarding the scope of the inspection of the building department.

**City Attorney Coudrain**, stated that four votes are required. He explained the charter requirement and his review of the previous minutes.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, explained his concern on the vote and reviewing the minutes versus watching the video.

**Stanley Campbell**, asked what is the status of the item.

**Mayor Panepinto** stated they are trying to get it done.

**X. ADJOURN**

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Andrews** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to adjourn the meeting. All member were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

**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 OCTOBER 22, 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

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