



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
March 11, 2025  
5:30pm**

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

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING  
OLD BUSINESS**

1. An Ordinance to approve Rezoning by Gemetri Carter from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Bodin and Webb Inc, dated 12/13/2019, concerning 508 S. Range Road. (Charles Borchers)

**Councilman Andrews** asked that the item be tabled until property owners and the community have had an opportunity to meet and discuss.

**PUBLIC HEARING – NEW BUSINESS**

1. An ordinance request by Spencer Rossi to rezone 207 W Morris Ave from MX-C to MX-CBD to better conform with Downtown Hammond and the surrounding properties. The property is located in Council District 2, the Hammond Historic District, the Thomas/Morris Street Economic Development Overlay District, and the Hammond Downtown Development District.

**Charles Borchers**, Director of Administration, explained the request and stated that it was recommended by Planning and Zoning for approval.

**Spencer Rossi**, the property owner was present and explained the request.

**Anthony Zuppardo**, 205 S. Magnolia Street, asked about the new zoning.

2. An ordinance request by Spencer Rossi to rezone 211 W Morris Ave from MX-C to MX-CBD to better conform with Downtown Hammond and the surrounding properties. The property is located in Council District 2, the Hammond Historic District, the Thomas/Morris Street Economic Development Overlay District, and the Hammond Downtown Development District.

**Charles Borchers**, explained that this adjoins the property in item number one and explained the request.

**No Public Comment**

3. An ordinance request for a street renaming by Councilman Kip Andrews to rename E. Colorado St to Laura Knighten Drive.

**Charles Borchers**, explained that all the requirements have been met.

**No Public Comment**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
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**6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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

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

**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 February 25, 2025 Meeting

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second **Councilman Leon** to approve the meeting minutes of February 25, 2025.

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

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

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance to approve Rezoning by Gemetri Carter from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Bodin and Webb Inc, dated 12/13/2019, concerning 508 S. Range Road.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second Councilman Andrews** to table the adoption of an Ordinance to approve Rezoning by Gemetri Carter from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Bodin and Webb Inc, dated 12/13/2019, concerning 508 S. Range Road.

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

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**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second Councilman Andrews** to adopt an ordinance request by Spencer Rossi to rezone 207 W Morris Ave from MX-C to MX-CBD to better conform with Downtown Hammond and the surrounding properties. The property is located in Council District 2, the Hammond Historic District, the Thomas/Morris Street Economic Development Overlay District, and the Hammond Downtown Development District.

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

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**Councilman Wells** entered the meeting

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second Councilman DiVittorio** to adopt an ordinance request by Spencer Rossi to rezone 211 W Morris Ave from MX-C to MX-CBD to better conform with Downtown Hammond and the surrounding properties. The property is located in Council District 2, the Hammond Historic District, the Thomas/Morris Street Economic Development Overlay District, and the Hammond Downtown Development District.

**Vote:** Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y),

Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

3. Final adoption of an ordinance request for a street renaming by Councilman Kip Andrews to rename E. Colorado St to Laura Knighten Drive. (Charles Borchers)

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second Councilwoman Gonzales to adopt an ordinance request for a street renaming by Councilman Kip Andrews to rename E. Colorado St to Laura Knighten Drive.**

**Vote:** Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

**VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:**

1. Introduction of an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding condemnation and demolition of unsafe buildings.

**Andre Coudrain**, City Attorney, explained the demolition ordinance.

**Councilman Wells** asked to look at a home in the 700 block of Mooney Ave for demolition.

**Clyde Robinson**, Macadonia Baptist Church, asked about the process.

**Stanley Campbell**, asked about a demolition list.

**Mayor Panepinto**, explained the process.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second Councilman Wells to introduce an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding condemnation and demolition of unsafe buildings.**

**Vote:** Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS: NONE**

**IX. REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** No report, he congratulated Ms. Knighten and thanked her.

**Council:**

**Councilman DiVittorio**, asked about and update on the Attorney General opinion.

**Councilman Adrews**, explained what is currently being done by the Attorney General.

**Councilman Wells**, thanked the Mayor for the Mooney Park projects.

**Councilman Andrews** asked the administration to look into potholes on Willow St. He also stated that there will be a neighborhood meetin on the rezoning item that has been tabled. He stated that the constituents are part of the process. He also thanked Ms. Knighten and stated that we will have a block party when the sign is put up.

**X. ADJOURN**

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adjourn the meeting. All members 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  
TRANSACTIONED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD

MARCH 11, 2025

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LISA COCKERHAM  
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

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PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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