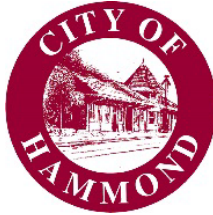




**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
April 22, 2025
5:30pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews**
II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Wells (P) Councilman DiVittorio (P) Councilwoman Gonzales (P)
Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Andrews(P)
III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE



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April 22, 2025
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews**
II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Wells (P) Councilman DiVittorio (P) Councilwoman Gonzales (P)
Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Andrews(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 April 8, 2025 Meeting
There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2025 meeting
VI. PRESENTATION: City's Fiscal Year 2024 audit. (Michelle Treschwig, Kushner LaGraize CPAs & Consultants)
Michelle Treschwig, provided a report on the city's fiscal audit for 2024.
Tracy Wells, 610 Mooney Ave, stated that the council should have had the audit report available before tonight. She also asked about the auditors findings.
VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE
VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:
1. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Christopher Wells to rezone 1009 Mooney Ave from RS-3 to RM-3, located in District 3.
Charles Borchers, explained the item and stated that Planning and Zoning recommendation was denial. There was a motion by **Councilman Wells** and second **Councilman Andrews** to introduce an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Christopher Wells to rezone 1009 Mooney Ave from RS-3 to RM-3, located in District 3.
VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y) Motion approved 5-0
2. Introduction of an ordinance request for a street renaming by Unita Gay Andrews to rename East Hoover Street to Holton Hill Lane, located in District 1.
Charles Borchers, explained the ordinance and stated planning and zoning recommended approval. There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilwoman Gonzales** to introduce an ordinance request for a street renaming by Unita Gay Andrews to rename East Hoover Street to Holton Hill Lane, located in District 1.
VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y) Motion approved 5-0

IX. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to approve Mariner's Inn located at 117 W Thomas St. Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Seafarer's Hospitality. (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers, stated that this was a change in ownership and all requirements were met.

Glenn Alack, owner was present to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve Mariner's Inn located at 117 W Thomas St. Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Seafarer's Hospitality.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion approved 5-0

2. A resolution to approve Nash Express located at 605 Pecan St. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a convenience store. The owner is Q2, Inc. (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers, stated that this was a change in ownership and all requirements were met.

Owner was present to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve Nash Express located at 605 Pecan St. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a convenience store. The owner is Q2, Inc.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion approved 5-0

3. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 112 West Green Street, Hammond, LA 70401. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners; Lydia B. Adams Estate 3915 Madison Avenue Baton Rouge La 70802. Rodney Adams P O Box 1915 Hammond, La 70404. Midland Funding, LLC co/Easton Group P O Box 3001 Baton Rouge, La 70821. (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers, provided information on property in need of demolition.

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

4. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 117 Perry Land, Hammond, LA 70401. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners, Estate of Oliver Wells, Jr. and Rachel Wells c/o Erica McCray 2509 Galeshead Drive Upper Malboro, MD 20774. Heirs of Estate of Oliver Wells, Jr. and Rachel Wells 810-B Mooney Avenue Hammond LA 70403. Heirs of Estate of Oliver Wells, Jr. and Rachel Wells 811-B Mooney Avenue Hammond, LA 70401. Rachel Wells Sentra R. Wells Phaedra Wells 46041 Durbin Road Hammond, LA 70401. Michael Wells 46013 Durbin Road Hammond, LA 70401. Wells Brothers Developers, Inc. Thomas Wells 310 Mooney Avenue Hammond, LA 70401. Parish of Tangipahoa Sheriff c/o CIVICSOURCE Attention: Leo Sayer 935 Gravier St., Suite 1700 New Orleans, LA 70112. (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers, provided information on property in need of demolition.

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VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion approved 5-0

5. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 117 West Newman Street, Hammond, LA 70401. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners, Zabrina Leverne Conley P. O. Box 975 Springfield, LA 70462. Taplin Tuvache 19188 David Harris Lane Hammond, LA 70403.

Charles Borchers, provided information on property in need of demolition.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the demolition of property located at 117 West Newman Street, Hammond, LA 70401. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners, Zabrina Leverne Conley P. O. Box 975 Springfield, LA 70462. Taplin Tuvache 19188 David Harris Lane Hammond, LA 70403.

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

6. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 120 Moran Street, Hammond, LA 70401. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners; Augustine James 4600 Riddix

Lane Monroe, LA 71202. Serenity Sober Living, LLC 4600 Reddix Lane Monroe, LA 71202. Serenity Sober Living, LLC 145 Macon Drive Delhi, LA 71232. CivicSource Attn: Courtney Arena P O Box 50001 New Orleans, LA 70112.

Charles Borchers, provided information on property in need of demolition.

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VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y)

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

7. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 311 Reed Street, Hammond, LA 70401. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners, James Brashell 311 Reed Street Hammond, LA 70401

Charles James Henry, etal 309 Reed Street Hammond, LA 70403, Elizabeth Brashell, Bernard Brashell 309 Reed Street Hammond, LA 70403 Joann P. Brashear 309 Reed Street Hammond, LA 70403.

Charles Borchers, provided information on property in need of demolition.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** authorizing the demolition of property located at 311 Reed Street, Hammond, LA 70401. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners, James Brashell 311 Reed Street Hammond, LA 70401 Charles James Henry, etal 309 Reed Street Hammond, LA 70403, Elizabeth Brashell, Bernard Brashell 309 Reed Street Hammond, LA 70403 Joann P. Brashear 309 Reed Street Hammond, LA 70403.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y)

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

8. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 407 Washington Ave, Hammond, LA 70403. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners; Conerly Shedrick 407 Washington Avenue Hammond, LA 70403, Briana Jackson 1680 O'Neal Lane, Apt. 345 Baton Rouge, LA 70816.

Charles Borchers, provided information on property in need of demolition.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman Wells** authorizing the demolition of property located at 407 Washington Ave, Hammond, LA 70403. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners; Conerly Shedrick 407 Washington Avenue Hammond, LA 70403, Briana Jackson 1680 O'Neal Lane, Apt. 345 Baton Rouge, LA 70816.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y)

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

9. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 1305 Mooney Ave, Hammond, LA 70403, Hammond, LA 70403. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners; Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. P O Box 1853 Albany, LA 70711. Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. Formerly known as Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. 1305 South Mooney Avenue Hammond, LA 70403. Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. through its Agent, Bro. Wendell Anderson 107 Mississippi St. Hammond, LA 70403. Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. through its Agent, Rev. Jesse Monget, Jr. 46259 N. Baptist Rd Hammond, LA 70401, Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. c/o Secretary, Sister Brenda Keith 29869 South Café Line Road Albany, LA 70711., Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. c/o Treasurer, Sister Verna Anderson 107 Mississippi St. Hammond, LA 70403, Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. c/o Director, Bro. Evandor Jackson 1145 Morris St. Hammond, LA 70401.

Charles Borchers, provided information on property in need of demolition.

Rev. Jessie Monget from Unity Missionary Baptist Church, stated this property has no harm to city and the city should not demolish the property.

There was a motion by **Councilman Wells** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** authorizing the demolition of property located at 1305 Mooney Ave, Hammond, LA 70403, Hammond, LA 70403. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners; Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. P O Box 1853 Albany, LA 70711. Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. Formerly known as Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. 1305 South Mooney Avenue Hammond, LA 70403. Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. through its Agent, Bro. Wendell Anderson 107 Mississippi St. Hammond, LA 70403. Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. through its Agent, Rev. Jesse Monget, Jr. 46259 N. Baptist Rd Hammond, LA 70401, Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. c/o Secretary, Sister Brenda Keith 29869 South Café Line Road Albany, LA 70711., Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. c/o Treasurer, Sister Verna Anderson 107 Mississippi St. Hammond, LA 70403, Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. c/o Director, Bro. Evandor Jackson 1145 Morris St. Hammond, LA 70401. (Charles Borchers)

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y)

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

10. A resolution authorizing the purchase of a submersible pump for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant from Delta Process Equipment in the amount of \$65,890, including delivery, installation, and startup in 8-10 weeks.

Charles Borchers, explained the item and the need for the pump.

Councilman Wells, asked about the money in the water and sewer budget.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Wells** authorizing the purchase of a submersible pump for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant from Delta Process Equipment in the amount of \$65,890, including delivery, installation, and startup in 8-10 weeks.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y)

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

11. A resolution to approve funding for the sidewalk improvements project at 223 East Thomas Street with a three-way, equal share of the cost of \$90,000 split between Sweet Haven LLC, the Hammond Downtown Development District, and the City of Hammond. The City's share of \$30,000 will come from Line Item 10028100-520117 - Contract Services in the Building Department's budget.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Councilman Wells, asked the funding for the project and money in the budget.

Councilman Andrews, asked about the agreement.

Stanley Campbell, Hammond, District 1 asked about balance sheet and financial statements and that they should be provided to the council.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to approve funding for the sidewalk improvements project at 223 East Thomas Street with a three-way, equal share of the cost of \$90,000 split between Sweet Haven LLC, the Hammond Downtown Development District, and the City of Hammond. The City's share of \$30,000 will come from Line Item 10028100-520117 - Contract Services in the Building Department's budget.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (N) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y)

Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion approved 4-0

12. A resolution to Review and ratify bids received 04/17/2025 for "Drainage Improvements [FY 2025]"—project no. 420-12504.

Mitchell D. Roniger, Spangler Engineering, explained the item and recommended the award to the lowest responsible bidder, Richard Price Contractor for \$1,743,567.50 base bid.

Tracey Wells, asked questions about the project.

Councilman Andrews, asked about clean up and inspections after the completion of the work.

There was a motion by **Councilman DiVittorio** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to Review and Ratify bids received 04/17/2025 to the lowest responsible bidder Richard Price Contractor for \$1,743,567.50 base bid for "Drainage Improvements [FY 2025]"—project no. 420-12504.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y)

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

X. REPORTS:

Mayor: State Wildlife and Fishery stocked Zemurray Pond with fish. May 3rd is household hazardous waste recycling day.

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio asked about shopping cart/buggies in the neighborhood around Lincoln Park and the Aleata St servitude.

Councilman Wells, invited John Johnson, 304 S. General Perishing to come forward. He asked about the drainage issues on his property.

Charles Borchers, stated that the city was looking into it.

Councilman Wells, stated that the equipment in Mooney Park needs to be cleaned.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the Aleata Dr. servitude.

Charles Borchers, is looking into it.

Councilwoman Gonzales, complemented the Hammond Police Department and Fire Department, on how they responded to a fire in the district.

Councilman Andrews, thanked the building department for looking into a problem with some properties in his district. He asked about the fence in Martin Luther King Park. He gave an update on the request from the Attorney General. He stated the opinion is being written on the building department investigation and he should hear back soon. He also stated that a request for the Attorney General review on the McCaskey case was sent.

XI . ADJOURN

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** 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
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APRIL 22, 2025
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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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