



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
May 27, 2025  
5:30pm**

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

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. An ordinance to approve a request by Unita Gay Andrews to rename East Hoover Street to Holton Hill Lane. The street is located in District 1. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval 3-0.

**Charles Borchers IV**, explained the item.

**Unita Gay Andrews**, explained the reason for the request.

**Beverly Brumfield Maryland**, stated she is not in favor of the request and stated that the procedures were not followed. She read letters from people she said were opposed to the request.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
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May 27, 2025**

**6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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

**II. ROLL CALL:** Councilman Wells (absent) 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 May 13, 2025 Meeting

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of May 13, 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:**

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve a request by Unita Gay Andrews to rename East Hoover Street to Holton Hill Lane. The street is located in District 1. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval 3-0.

**Sal Nicolosi**, 3607 Hwy 190 west, asked about the notice to owners and stated he was in support of the request if the procedures were correct.

**Beverly Maryland**, opposed the request.

**Unita Gay Andrews**, explained her family contribution to the area.

**Stella Matthews**, 403 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, approved the renaming of the street and is in support of the request.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilwoman Gonzales** to adopt an ordinance to approve a request by Unita Gay Andrews to rename East Hoover Street to Holton Hill Lane. The street is located in District 1. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval 3-0.

**VOTE:** Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (Abstain) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion approved 3-0

## **VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:**

1. Introduction of an ordinance request by Kyle Bratton for a Major Subdivision at 1406 South Holly Street, located in District 2.

**Charles Borchers**, explained the item.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilwoman Gonzales** to introduce an ordinance request by Kyle Bratton for a Major Subdivision at 1406 South Holly Street, located in District 2.

**VOTE:** Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (abstain) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion approved 3-0

2. Introduction of an ordinance request by Jason Aycock for Annexation of 17028 East Iowa Street into Hammond city limits. Property will be annexed into District 1. (Charles Borchers)

**Charles Borchers**, explained the item.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilwoman Gonzales** to introduce an ordinance request by Jason Aycock for Annexation of 17028 East Iowa Street into Hammond city limits. Property will be annexed into District 1

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

3. Introduction of an ordinance request by Treg Gibson for Annexation of Caroline Drive into Hammond city limits. Property will be annexed into District 1. (Charles Borchers)

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilman Leon** to introduce an ordinance request by Treg Gibson for Annexation of Caroline Drive into Hammond city limits. Property will be annexed into District 1.

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

4. Introduction of an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding Alcoholic Beverages in City Parks.

**Councilman Andrews**, explained the reasons for the ordinance.

**Michelle Kendall**, Downtown Development Director asked what problems are looking to be resolved and asked what areas does it cover.

**Andre Coudrain**, City Attorney, explain the ordinance provisions.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, stated she has some hesitation about it and it should be further discussed.

**Sal Nicolosi**, stated he was in support of the ordinance.

**Chloe Bishop**, stated they should be looking at deeper issues.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilman DiVittorio** to introduce an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding Alcoholic Beverages in City Parks.

## VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to renew a 5-year agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$445,502.88 (\$89,100.58 per year) under State Contract 4400028582 for licensing, services, including cloud storage, warranties, and upgrades for the Police Department's body cameras.

**Charles Borchers IV**, explained the item and clarified some of the questions people previously asked.

**Councilman DiVittorio**, stated he had a problem with accountability of officers not using cameras. He also asked about the councilman having to put in public records requests.

**Andre Coudrain**, City Attorney, recommended that any request from council members be sent to Charles Borchers or the Mayor.

**Councilman Andrews**, stated that he was still looking for information.

**Stanley Campbell**, District 1, stated there needs to be more transparency on body cameras and there needs to be consequences when they are not used.

**Sal Nicolosi**, asked why upgrades are needed.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilwoman Gonzales** authorizing the Mayor to renew a 5-year agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$445,502.88 (\$89,100.58 per year) under State Contract 4400028582 for licensing, services, including cloud storage, warranties, and upgrades for the Police Department's body cameras.

**VOTE:** Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y)

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

2. Review and consider the timeliness of the appeal request by Guy's I, LLC.

**Heather Diebold**, Director of Hammond Historic District, stated she reserves the issue of timeliness, and asked the council to defer to the issue to the merits of the appeal.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, thinks the council should clarify time lines for appeal and the language of the ordinance.

**Andre Coudrain**, City Attorney, stated the council can defer the issue of timeliness to the appeal on the merits and make a motion to defer action on item no.2 and refer it to be considered under item no. 3

**Darryl Smith**, GuyI, LLC., asked about the process and time frame of his appeal.

**Andre Coudrain**, City Attorney, explained the process.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to defer action on item no.2 to review and consider the timeliness of the appeal request by Guy's I, LLC and refer to item no. 2 be considered under item no. 3.

**VOTE:** Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (abstain) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y)

Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion to defer approved 3-0

3. Review and consider appeal by Guy's I, LLC of the decision of the Hammond Historic District Commission to assess a fine related to multiple maintenance violations.

**Heather Diebold**, Director of Hammond Historic District, explained the item and action on the Historic District Commission.

**Darryl Smith**, Guy I, LLC., asked that the issues be tabled until the 2<sup>nd</sup> City Council meeting in June.

**Jessica Shirey**, Chairman of Historic District Commission, stated that they followed the commissions standards for maintenance and found violations.

**Michael Holly**, member of the commission stated that this has to do with maintaining the building,

**Sal Nicolosi**, stated they should get this settled.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to deny the appeal by Guy's I, LLC of the decision of the Hammond Historic District Commission to assess a fine related to multiple maintenance violations.

**VOTE:** Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (abstain) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y)

Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion to deny the appeal approved 3-0

## NEW BUSINESS

1. A resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of cameras for the Jail from/by American Integration Contractors for the sum of \$36,169.83 under State Contract 4400029433.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** authorizing the purchase and installation of cameras for the Jail from/by American Integration Contractors for the sum of \$36,169.83 under State Contract 4400029433.

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

2. A resolution to authorize We Didn't Planet LLC to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol at the following events: Planet in the Park, June 7<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 11AM-6PM, at Cate Square Park.

**Alec Griffith**, explained the event.

**Michelle Kendell**, spoke in support in of the item.

**Sal Nicolosi**, opposes the item.

**Tina Latini**, she is the alcohol caterer for the event and is in support of the item.

**Councilwoman Gonzales**, suggested approving the June 7<sup>th</sup> date only at this time.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to approve June 7<sup>th</sup> only, We Didn't Planet LLC to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol at the following events: Planet in the Park, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 11AM-6PM, at Cate Square Park.

**VOTE:** Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (abstain). Motion approved 3-0

3. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container law to We Didn't Planet LLC at the following events: Planet in the Park, June 7<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 11AM-6PM, at Cate Square Park.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container law to We Didn't Planet LLC at the following event: June 7<sup>th</sup> only, Planet in the Park, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 11AM-6PM, at Cate Square Park.

**VOTE:** Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (abstain). Motion approved 3-0

4. A resolution authorizing the purchase of 50 portable radios for Hammond police officers from L3Harris for the sum of \$112,050 under State Contract 4400028992. The City's 2 Justice Assistance Grants (Projects 22503 and 22504) will cover \$31,890 of the purchase. The Police Department will cover the remaining \$80,160.

**Charles Borchers IV**, explained the item

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

5. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$27,050 grant application to the Historic Preservation Fund Grants Program to move the application process for Historic District reviews and approvals online, to make Historic District resources more interactive, and to make information easier to find and 2) supporting a \$10,820 cash match from the Historic District and the Grant Match Fund.

**Charles Borchers IV**, explained the item and stated it was a 60/40 grant.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** 1) supporting the submission of a \$27,050 grant application to the Historic Preservation Fund Grants Program to move the application process for Historic District reviews and approvals online, to make Historic District resources more interactive, and to make information easier to find and 2) supporting a \$10,820 cash match from the Historic District and the Grant Match Fund.

**VOTE:** Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Absent), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 3-0

6. A resolution to ratify bids received for "Construct Corporate Hangars - Phase I" (RFB 25-13) and award a contract in the amount of \$686,376.40 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Harper Metal Building Services, pending concurrence from the State Capital Outlay Section.

**Charles Borchers IV**, explained item.

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to ratify bids received for "Construct Corporate Hangars - Phase I" (RFB 25-13) and award a contract in the amount of \$686,376.40 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Harper Metal Building Services, pending concurrence from the State Capital Outlay Section.

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

## **IX. REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** June 7, Zemurly Park fishing rodeo from 8am to 1pm.

**Charles Borchers**, presented a report on water, sewer, garbage collection rates.

**Council:**

**Budget work session**, Friday in Council Chamber beginning 8:30 am.

## **X. ADJOURN**

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second **Councilman Leon** 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

MAY 27, 2025

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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