



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
July 8, 2025
5:30pm**

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



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

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilwoman Gonzales
II. ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Andrews (absent)
III. PRAYER: Lisa Cockerham
IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.
V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of June 24, 2025 Meeting
There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the minutes of June 24, 2025 meeting.
Vote: Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (absent), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Motion approved 3-0
VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE
VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:
1. Introduction of an ordinance to remove unused/outdated definitions from the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). The Planning & Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0).

Charles Borchers IV, explained the ordinance.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance to remove unused/outdated definitions from the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). The Planning & Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption

Vote: Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (absent), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Motion approved to introduce 3-0

Public hearing July 22, 2025

2. Introduction of an ordinance ordering and calling an election to be held in the City of Hammond to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein, with a public hearing to be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at the Hammond City Council's regular meeting place, the Louis J. Tallo Building, located at 312 East Charles Street in Hammond, Louisiana.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item and read the statement “Notice is hereby given that at it’s meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 12th, 2025 at 5:30 pm at it’s regular meeting place, the City Council Chambers, 312 East Charles Street, Hammond, Louisiana. The City Council of the City of Hammond, Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the City of Hammond, to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein.

Public Hearing August 12, 2025

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance ordering and calling an election to be held in the City of Hammond to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein, with a public hearing to be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at the Hammond City Council's regular meeting place, the Louis J. Tallo Building, located at 312 East Charles Street in Hammond, Louisiana.

Vote: Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (absent), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Motion approved to introduce 3-0

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

Old Business

1. A resolution to accept the annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention report as required by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality in the city's discharge permit for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant, Jan 2024-December 2024 (Nathan Levy)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to table a resolution to accept the annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention report as required by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality in the city's discharge permit for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant, Jan 2024-December 2024

Vote: Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (absent), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Motion approved to table 3-0

New Business

1. A resolution supporting the submission of an application to the Apache Corporation Tree Grant Program for 125 trees for an annual Louisiana Arbor Day tree giveaway January 16, 2026.

Charles Borchers, explained the grant.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon supporting the submission of an application to the Apache Corporation Tree Grant Program for 125 trees for an annual Louisiana Arbor Day tree giveaway January 16, 2026.

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

2. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to renew the Esri (Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.) Small Municipal and County Government Enterprise Agreement (SGEA) for a 3-year term beginning August 1, 2025.

The cost is \$32,020.00 for the first year, then \$30,200 for each of the remaining 2 years, for a total cost of \$92,420.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the agreement.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the Mayor to renew the Esri (Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.) Small Municipal and County Government Enterprise Agreement (SGEA) for a 3-year term beginning August 1, 2025. The cost is \$32,020.00 for the first year, then \$30,200 for each of the remaining 2 years, for a total cost of \$92,420.

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

3. A resolution to "Ratify and Award bids received on July 3, 2025, for "Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements [FY2025]".

Mitchell Roniger, explained the item and recommends the award to low bidder Arbour Construction for \$251,800.00.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to "Ratify and Award bids received on July 3, 2025, for Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements [FY2025] and award to low bidder Arbour Construction for \$251,800.00."

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: No report

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio stated that the 4th of July show was nice.

Stanley Campbell, District 1, asked about the notice on the garbage collection.

Laura Henderson, asked about her mothers water bills and meter reading. She asked about a copy of a bill from 2021.

X . ADJOURN:

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. 3-0 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 8, 2025

BEING 3 PAGES IN LENGTH

LISA COCKERHAM

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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