



HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
June 24, 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 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 2025, for the purpose of raising revenue::

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Total.....	20.310 Mills

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

No public comment

2. An ordinance to levy the following millage rates, but not in excess of the prior year’s maximum rates, on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the Year 2025 and to use the revenue collected from each millage only for the specific purpose(s) for which that millage was levied:

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Total.....			

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Councilman Wells entered the meeting

No public comment

3. An ordinance adjusting the rates for City water and sewer services.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Councilman Wells, asked what can be done for senior citizens.

Charles Borchers, explained that the fees are based on usage and that is the fairest way to adjust the water and sewer.

No public comment

4. An ordinance adjusting the fee for garbage collection in the City of Hammond.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Louise Bostic, asked about comparative cost and on a montly bill and hardship for lw income citizens.

Councilman Wells, asked about the current garbage rates and contract.

Tracy Wells, Hammond, stated that they should have notified seniors about a possible rate increase. She doesn’t think the city did a good job to notify seniors of garbage and water increase, and she is concerned about people on a fixed income.

Lori Henderson, District 3, suggested that garbage be paid every 3 months.

5. An ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond’s budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Charles Borchers, stated there were a number of amendments discussed during budget work sessions and this is our last opportunity to approve our budget for FY 26..

Councilwoman Gonzales, explained that she created a copy of proposed amendments that was discussed and a few changes by recommendations. The current budget amendments would create a balance budget.

Councilman Wells, asked about Natchez drainage improvements and sidewalks.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that the item was #34 on the list she provided.

Councilman Wells, passed around pictures of a sidewalk on a canal bank and he stated that the sidewalk should not have been taken place. He stated that they have at least fifteen people in wheelchairs in his neighborhood that has to ride in the street. He stated that they need sidewalks. The engineer didn’t meet with him and they never talked about.

Mr. Reid, stated the sidewalks in the neighborhood are bad and they need sidewalks.

Councilman Wells, stated that when he asks for a sidewalk it is needed. District 3 needs sidewalks today.

6. An ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances Regarding Prohibition on Persons Under the Age of 21 in Stand-Alone Bars and Nightclubs.

Councilman Andrews, thanked the bar owners for the meeting they had and that law enforcement reached out to him and asked him to consider

There was a motion by councilman Andrews to table the item and a second by councilman DiVittorio. Vote: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Leon (N) Councilwoman Gonzales (abstain) Motion to table 3-1

7. An ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding Alcoholic Beverages in City Parks.

Councilman Andrews, explained the item.

Melissa Griffin, Hammond Regional Arts, asked the council to reconsider the ordinance.

Councilman Andrews, stated this would not apply to Railroad Park or Morrison Park.

John Exnicious, Chairman of Downtown Development District, stated the ordinance will affect the DDD community and cultural events and asked that all of the parks within the Downtown Development District be exempt from this ordinance in the event that it does pass.

Councilwoman Gonzales, proposed a change to which prohibition may be temporarily waved for parks located within the boundaries of the Downtown Development District for civic and nonprofits.

Pam Haynes, asked that they reconsider because downtown with alcohol things can happen.

Tina Latino, Benny’s Place, emphasized being a responsible alcohol vendor and downtown parks should be exempt and they should work together.

Dan Lambert, Cate Street Pub, stated the problem is people having parties and selling alcohol without a permit. He stated that there hasn’t been a problem with alcohol in the parks.

Matthew Hughes, 210 W. Robert St, stated he and his mother enjoy the parks and asked that Cate Street Park be excluded.

Guy- stated his comment pertains to any of the parks, people are loitering in the parks, there are drugs in the parks and those problems needs to be fixed. They need to monitor and fix things as they happen and let the community talk.

Edwin Bergeron, Police Chief, asked about the penalty and stated they should consider the penalty for alcohol in the parks.

Mayor, asked the chief to address the how they monitor and get into the parks when people are doing things.

Edwin Bergeron, stated when they receive complaints or concerns they sent someone. They have had some complaints in some parks.

Councilman Wells, stated he wants a clean park and has been asking for a long time. He stated you can’t separate one park from the rest of the parks. He doesn’t want drinking or smoking in the park.

Benny Latino Jr., stated he has never had a problem at his bar.

Len Petz, E. Robert St, stated that the parks are for everyone and he doesn’t think there is a problem with alcohol in the parks.

Councilman Andrews, stated that by him putting it on the table they will have a good solution at the end of it. He talked about the phone calls and threats that were made. He explained why he decided to table the items.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION AGENDA
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
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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 Andrews

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of June 10, 2025 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Wells to approve the minutes of June 10, 2025.

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

VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to levy the following millage rates, but not in excess of the prior year’s maximum rates, on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the Year 2025 and to use the revenue collected from each millage only for the specific purpose(s) for which that millage was levied:

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There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to adopt an ordinance to levy the following millage rates, but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rates, on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the Year 2025 and to use the revenue collected from each millage only for the specific purpose(s) for which that millage was levied:

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

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There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to adopt an ordinance 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 2025, for the purpose of raising revenue:

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3. Final adoption of an ordinance adjusting the rates for City water and sewer services.

Charles Borchers IV, explained that a study was performed last year and the city is obligated to adopt the new rates.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked when was the last time there was an increase in the rates.

Charles Borchers stated about 8 years ago.

Councilman Andrews, requested that there be at least a 60 day grace period to give people time to make the adjustment, instead of July 1 move the start date to September 1.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to adopt an ordinance adjusting the rates for City water and sewer services with a 60 day effective date and grace period from July 1st to Sept 1st and communication information be sent of rate .

VOTE: Councilman Wells (N), Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion approved 4-1

4. Final adoption of an ordinance adjusting the fee for garbage collection in the City of Hammond.

Charles Borchers IV, explained item.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to adopt an ordinance adjusting the fee for garbage collection in the City of Hammond with a 60 day effective date and a grace period from July 1st to Sept 1st and communication information be sent of the rate increase.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (N), Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion approved 4-1

5. Final adoption of an ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond's budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Charles Borchers, stated we have a list of amendments that Councilwoman Gonzales compiled from our two work sessions and he recommended that they start with that list of amendment because it encapsulates all of the amendments that have been proposed.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated this list combines what everyone has asked for. She stated this is not her list.

Councilman Steve Leon, asked if all the items from the list would lead to a balance budget.

Charles Borchers, stated that was his understanding.

Mayor, stated this is a very close budget, leaving about \$100,000 in the general fund. He think it's excessive but it is a balance budget. He doesn't agree with it.

Councilman DiVittorio asked questions about the email with attachments. He stated he never talked to Chuck about Cecilia Street , the drainage has already been done and he had a question.

Deborah Swenson, asked that Districts be added to the list of budget items.

Councilwoman Gonzales read off the list of budget items.

Stanley Campbell, District one asked about the items.

Charles Borchers, explained the items.

Councilman Wells, asked that before raised are given out can it come before the council.

Tracy Wells, asked for clarity for Item #6.

Edwin Bergeron, Hammond Police Chief stated item #6 is for two additional officers downtown.

Pam Haynes, asked about #5 of the budget items.

Stanley Campbell, District 1, asked about item #6 and the number of officers.

Edwin Bergeron, Police Chief, explained.

Councilman Wells, asked about the patrols and paid security.

Tracy Wells, asked about item # 9, if we are anticipating hiring a permanent person.

Councilwoman Gonzales, read item # 10 and stated it wasn't in the original budget.

Councilman Wells, stated to take it out, Item #10

Pam Haynes, asked about Item #18

Councilman Wells, was asking about sidewalks and stated that the engineer didn't meet with him. In District 3 they don't have a complete block with a sidewalk where someone can ride or walk. He is asking for sidewalks and no one talked to him about sidewalks.

Councilman Wells, from Natchez to Lovett the sidewalk leads to nowhere and was picked by the engineer. He stated he pushed this sidewalk back to get another one that connects.

Carlos Williams, Hammond, asked about a project in Woodbridge.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated it should be in the budget.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked Councilman Wells if they are to leave of #26 of the sheet that was itemized with the items.

Councilman Wells, stated not to do #26

Councilwoman Gonzales asked if anyone had any additions or changes to the proposed amendment before they go through and vote on them.

Councilman Wells, asked the finance director what the budget looks like.

Carolyn Howard, Finance Director, gave an update and explained.

Councilman Andrews, stated as revenue increases they can pick up items that has been put on hold.

Councilman Wells, expressed his concern about how they are going to vote. He doesn't want to vote on each item.

Stanley Campbell, stated he thought they were agreed on the items by doing line item by line item.

Councilman Wells, doesn't want to vote on items individually he's concerned that his items would be vetoed.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, explained that each of these are line items within the budget and they are amending the budget to address these line items and under the Charter the Mayor has line item veto. He recommend that the go item by item. Whether they are addressed one by one or all together it doesn't change the veto process.

Debra Swenson, Woodbridge, expressed her appreciation of the drainage projects in the Woodbridge Subdivision.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about Ruland, Scanlan and Richardson St. are not on the sheet that was printed out to move to FY27

Councilwoman Gonzales, explained

Councilman DiVittorio, stated he wants to see those amendments on FY27, he also asked about the Blackburn extension. Asked to make an amendment to move Ruland, Scanlan and Richardson to FY26 & FY27.

Councilman Andrews, suggested that the go through the items one by one.

The Council proceeded to address the following items;

1. Increase airport rent and royalties to \$471,400 and increase fuel sales \$412,601.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to amend the budget and approve the above item.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
2. Increase council clerk salary to \$45,000 plus benefits for increase to budget of \$11,374.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget and approve the above item.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
3. Adjust civil service clerk salary to decrease to half for a reduction of \$17,795.50.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget and adjust civil service clerk salary to decrease to half for a reduction of \$17,795.50.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
4. There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to amend the budget to increase Human Resources consulting services to add \$5000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
5. Increase HR salary for Jaquelin Browder due to her not retiring until the end of FY26 to add \$48,500.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to increase HR salary for Jaquelin Browder due to her not retiring until the end of FY26 to add \$48,500.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
6. Remove \$101,072 from police patrol salaries and wages to remove two new patrol officers.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to remove \$101,072 from police patrol salaries and wages to remove two new patrol officers.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 3-2
7. Remove \$178,569 from firefighting salaries and wages to remove three new firefighter positions.

- There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to remove three new firefighter positions.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1
8. Remove \$56,831 from building for vacant code enforcement officer.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to remove \$56,831 from building for vacant code enforcement officer.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 3-2
9. Remove \$120,166 from building official payroll due to Robert Morgan being contract labor.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to remove \$120,166 from building official payroll due to Robert Morgan being contract labor.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
10. Increase salary for garage to add vacant mechanic position increase \$54,533.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Leon** to amend the budget to increase salary for garage to add vacant Mechanic position increase \$54,533.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (N). Motion Approved 4-1
11. Increase salary for recreation department \$13,900.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Leon** to amend the budget to increase the salary for recreation department \$13,900.
Deborah Swenson, they are doing a great job.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
12. Increase sales tax revenue by \$1,000,000.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to increase sales tax revenue by \$1,000,000. .
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1
13. Remove Parks and Grounds capital request of Kubota K- reduction of \$53,415.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to remove Parks and Grounds capital request of Kubota K- reduction of \$53,415.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
14. Remove Parks and Grounds capital request of Mausoleum lift -reduction of \$28,899.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to remove Parks and Grounds capital request of Kubota K- reduction of \$53,415.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 3-2
15. Remove Streets Department capital request of Bucket truck-reduction of \$119,900.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to remove Streets Department capital request of bucket truck- reduction of \$119,900.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1
16. Remove Building Department capital request of new bays -reduction of \$95,000.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to remove Building Department capital request of new bays- reduction of \$95,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1
17. Add Building Department capital request of fence to Blackburn Rd lot -increase of \$22,000.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to add Building Department capital request of fence to Blackburn Rd lot- increase of \$22,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
18. Add airport capital request for infrastructure improvements- increase of \$270,000.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Leon** to amend the budget to add airport capital request for infrastructure improvements- increase of \$270,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

19. Water and Sewer – move up Monistere Lane sewer improvement from FY28 to FY 26- increase of \$450,000.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to move up Monistere Lane sewer improvement from FY 28 to FY 26- increase of \$450,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 3-2
20. Under sidewalks- push back Mississippi St (Natchez to Lovett) from FY26 to FY29 decrease of \$150,000.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to push back Mississippi St (Natchez to Lovett) from FY26 to FY29 decrease of \$150,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
21. Under sidewalks- add project for Natchez Phase I (Live Oak to Mississippi) for FY 26-Increase of \$45,000.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to add project for Natchez Phase I (Live Oak to Mississippi) from FY26 Increase of \$45,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
22. Under sidewalks- add project for Natchez phase II (Mississippi St. to Palmetto St.) for FY26-increase of \$136,000.
Tracy Wells, asked about moving the sidewalk up to FY26, she stated that is what was discussed at the budget work session.
Councilwoman Gonzales explained that it was based on the engineer.

There was a motion by **Councilman Wells** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to add sidewalks project for Natchez Phase II (Mississippi St to Palmetto St.) to FY26 for an increase of \$136,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (N), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion fails 2-3
23. Under sidewalks- move up W. Church (Linden to Maple) from FY28 to FY27 for \$325,000.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to move up W. Church (Linden to Maple) from FY28 to FY27 for \$325,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
24. Under sidewalks- add project for Haskins (Louisa West to White St) for FY 26 Increase of \$46,000.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to add project for Haskins (Louisa West to White St) for FY 26 Increase of \$46,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
25. Under sidewalks- add S. Magnolia St. (E. Side of Phoenix SQ) to FY27 for \$111, 000.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to add S. Magnolia St. (E. Side of Phoenix SQ) to FY27 for \$111, 000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
25. Under sidewalks- revise Palmetto (Mooney to S. Morrison) to Palmetto (Mooney to Natchez) to FY27 for \$143,000.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Wells** to amend the budget to revise Palmetto (Mooney to S. Morrison) to Palmetto (Mooney to Natchez) to FY27 for \$143,000.
Tracey Wells, asked that in order to get complete sidewalks , can the citizens request that drainage be put on hold for a sidewalk to be complete. She asked if the drainage can be moved to a further fiscal year and that allocation of funds be used for sidewalks instead.
Pam Haynes, she stated they can not go a complete block on the sidewalk. The kids can not play in a completed park or walk on side walks in her district.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
26. Under sidewalks- add project Old Baton Rouge Hwy. (Celia to Lakewood) Phase I Celia to Live Oak Dr for \$212,000 for FY27 and Phase II- Live Oak Dr to Lakewood for \$187,000 FY28.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Leon** to amend the budget to add project Old Baton Rouge Hwy. (Celia St. to Lakewood) Phase I Celia to Live Oak Dr for \$212,000 for FY27 and Phase II- Live Oak Dr to Lakewood for \$187,000 FY28.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

27. Under sidewalks- revise Celia St (Old Baton Rouge Hwy to W. Thomas St) to increase budget to \$95,000 for FY27.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to revise Celia St (Old Baton Rouge Hwy to W. Thomas St) to increase budget to \$95,000 for FY27.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
28. Under sidewalks- add project Hewitt Road (JW Davis – S. Magnolia) PH. I – JW Davis to Ozone Drive E for \$131,00 for FY27 and PH. II- Ozone Dr. E to S Magnolia for \$234,000 for FY27.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to add project Hewitt Road (JW Davis – S. Magnolia) PH. I – JW Davis to Ozone Drive E for \$131,000 for FY 27 and PH. II- Ozone Dr. E to S Magnolia for \$234,000 for FY27.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
29. Under sidewalks- add project for Blackburn (Marley to Pecan) FY26 increase of \$45,000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to add project for Blackburn (Marley to Pecan) FY26 increase of \$45,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1
30. Under drainage – move up Al-Ida (Pine Hill Subd) from FY27 to FY26 – Increase of \$348,000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to move up Al-Ida (Pine Hill Subdivision) from FY27 to FY26 – Increase of \$348,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1
31. Under drainage -move up W. Charles St. to W. Robert St -enclose rear lot-canal from FY27 to FY26 increase of \$175,000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Leon** to move up W. Charles to W. Roberts and close rear lot canal from FY27 to FY26 increase of \$175,000.
Tracy Wells, stated that this item wasn't discussed during the budget session and asked where it is located.
Councilwoman Gonzales explained the location and drainage issue.
Tracy Wells, she doesn't think anything should be added if it wasn't discussed at the budget work session.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (N), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (N), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion fails 2-3
31. Under drainage – add project for Natchez Phase I (Live Oak to Mississippi St)- for sidewalks for FY26- increase \$54,000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to add project for Natchez Phase I (Live Oak to Mississippi St)- for sidewalks for FY26- increase \$54,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1
32. Under drainage – add project for Natchez Phase II (Mississippi St to Palmetto St)- for FY26 increase \$289,000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to add project for Natchez Phase II (Mississippi St to Palmetto St)- for FY26 increase \$289,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1
33. Under drainage – move up W. Church Phase II (Carter to Maple) from FY27 to FY26 -increase \$366,000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** amend the budget to move up W. Church Phase II (Carter to Maple) from FY27 to FY26 -increase \$366,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1
34. Under drainage – move up Palmetto (Mooney-Natchez) from FY27 to FY26 -increase \$381,000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to move up Palmetto (Mooney-Natchez) from FY27 to FY26 -increase \$381,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1
35. Under drainage – add project Old Baton Rouge Hwy. (Celia St to Lakewood) Phase I-Celia to Live Oak Drive for \$570,000 and Phase II (Live Oak Drive to Lakewood for \$500,000 to FY28.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget add project Old Baton Rouge Hwy. (Celia St to Lakewood) Phase I-Celia to Live Oak Drive for \$570,000 and Phase II (Live Oak Drive to Lakewood for \$500,000 to FY28.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

36. Under drainage – add project JW Davis Phase 1- Coleman to Florida (eastside) to FY26-increase of \$160,000.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to add project JW Davis Phase I- Coleman to Florida (eastside) to FY26-increase of \$160,000.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

37. Under drainage – add project JW Davis Ph. II - Florida to Smith Sq. (west side) to FY26 – increase \$488,000

Councilman Andrews stated this was the one they were supposed to re-measure. He’s voting no until they get the measurements.

Councilman Wells, asked can they adjust that.

Councilman Andrews, asked if this can be looked at when the funds and measurement becomes available.

He stated that he is not against the item, but when the funds become available and the correct measurement comes in then they can revisit this.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to – add project JW Davis Ph. II - Florida to Smith Sq. (west side) to FY26 – increase \$488,000.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (N), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (N). Motion fails 1-4

37. Under drainage – add project Rue Simone at Rue De La Paix to FY26-increase of \$125,000.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to add project Rue Simone at Rue De La Paix to FY26-increase of \$125,000.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

38. Under drainage-move up S. Spruce Street (north of Phoenix Sq.) from FY28 to FY26 – increase \$250,000

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Divittorio to move up S. Spruce Street (north of Phoenix Sq.) from FY28 to FY26- increase of \$250,000.

Councilman Wells asked that the motion be withdrawn

Councilwoman Gonzales, withdrew the motion

No action was taken on this item

39. Under drainage – add project for Woodbridge South Outfall to FY26- increase of \$220,000.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to add project for Woodbridge South Outfall FY26- Increase of \$220,000.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

40. Under Parks-add funds for Jackson Park- increase of \$25,000.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to add funds for Jackson Park- increase of \$25, 000.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 3-2

41. Under Misc. paving projects-General Pershing at W. Dakota (SLU) -curb work reduce the amount from \$105,000 to \$53,000 -decrease of \$52,000.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to add paving projects-General Pershing at W. Dakota (SLU) -curb work reduce to \$53,000 - decrease of \$52,000.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

42. Under Misc. paving projects-remove W. Coleman St./ Our Daily Bread Lane Improvement-decrease \$410,000.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to remove W. Coleman St./ Our Daily Bread Lane Improvement-decrease \$410,000.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

43. Under Misc. paving projects-move up to Connect Caroline to Top Hat (include right of way) for \$105,000 from FY28 to F27.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to move up- Connect Caroline to Top Hat (include right of way) for \$105,000 from FY28 to F27.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

44. Under drainage – move up Ruland & Scanlan (\$710,000) and Richardson & Carter (720,000) from FY28 to FY 27
There was a motion by **Councilman DiVittorio** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to– move up Ruland & Scanlan (\$710,000) and Richardson & Carter (\$720,000) from FY28 to FY 27
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

45. Under Drainage - - move up W. Charles to W. Robert - enclose rear-lot canal from FY27 to FY26 – increase \$175,000
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second **Councilman Leon** to reconsider this item:
Under drainage – move up W. Charles to W. Robert - enclose rear-lot canal from FY27 to FY26 – increase \$175,000
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (N), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (N), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (N). Motion fails 2-3
Councilman Andrews stated that he would like to add to the record, the following items that they put on the list as the revenue come through they will address some of the items that did not pass.

45. Under sidewalks – add project for Natchez Phase II (Mississippi St to Palmetto St.) for FY26 for increase of \$136,000. FY27.
There was a motion by **Councilman Wells** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend for increase of \$136,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (N), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion approved 3-2

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and Second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to approve the budget as amended.

Votes: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

6. Final adoption of an ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances regarding prohibition on persons under the age of 21 in stand-alone bars and nightclubs. (Councilman Andrews)

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and Second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to table an ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances regarding prohibition on persons under the age of 21 in stand-alone bars and nightclubs.

Votes: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales (abstain), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved to table 3-1

7. An ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding Alcoholic Beverages in City Parks. (Councilman Andrews)

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and Second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to table an ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances regarding alcoholic beverages in City Parks.

Votes: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved to table 5-0

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

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)

Charles Borchers, stated Mr. Levy was present but had to leave. He will be present at the next City Council Meeting.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** 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

Votes: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

2. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Maintenance Agreement Including Mowing and Litter Pickup for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 between the City of Hammond and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and Second by **Councilman DiVittorio** for a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Maintenance Agreement Including Mowing and Litter Pickup for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 between the City of Hammond and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Votes: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: No Report

Council:

Councilman Andrews, thanked Councilwoman Gonzales for organizing the budget items.

Councilman Leon, thank Councilwoman Gonzales for keeping things move and putting everything together for the budget.

Carl McGary, District 1, expressed his concerns regarding the process to build a laundromat.

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