



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
5:30pm**

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



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September 9, 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 Andrews
IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.
V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of August 25, 2025 Meeting
There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of August 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: NONE
VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

- 1.** A resolution to correct the term of Charles Deliberto as a member of the Hammond Municipal Police & Fire Civil Service Board to expire July 29, 2028. (Councilman Andrews)
There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to correct the term of Charles Deliberto as a member of the Hammond Municipal Police & Fire Civil Service Board to expire July 29, 2028.
VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 4-0
2. A resolution to correct the term of Stanley Campbell as a member of the Hammond Municipal Police & Fire Civil Service Board to expire July 29, 2028. (Councilman Andrews)
There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to correct the term of Stanley Campbell as a member of the Hammond Municipal Police & Fire Civil Service Board to expire July 29, 2028.
VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 4-0
3. A resolution to approve Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to hold its annual Parish Fair on October 24, 25, 26, 2025 within the boundaries of Magnolia Street from W. Colorado to railroad track, and NW Railroad Ave from W Colorado to railroad track. (Chastity Landry)

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to approve Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to hold its annual Parish Fair on October 24, 25, 26, 2025 within the boundaries of Magnolia Street from W. Colorado to railroad track, and NW Railroad Ave from W Colorado to railroad track.

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

4. A resolution authorizing Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to "serve, sell or otherwise handle alcohol" on Friday, October 24, 2025, from 5pm to 10pm, Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 9am to 10pm, and Sunday, October 26, 2025, from 9 am to 6pm within the boundaries set. (Chastity Landry)

Mayor Panepinto, asked that the event end at 9:00 pm on Friday and Saturday.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to approve with the change to Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to "serve, sell or otherwise handle alcohol" on Friday, October 24, 2025, from 5pm to 9pm, Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 9am to 9pm, and Sunday, October 26, 2025, from 9 am to 6pm within the boundaries set.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (abstain), Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (abstain) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Motion Fails 2-0

5. A resolution authorizing Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for the following dates and times: Friday, October 24, 2025 5pm to 10pm, Saturday, October 25, 2025 9am to 10pm, and Sunday October 26, 2025 9am to 6pm within the boundaries set.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to approve with the change to Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for the following dates and times: Friday, October 24, 2025 5pm to 9pm, Saturday, October 25, 2025 9am to 9pm, and Sunday October 26, 2025 9am to 6pm within the boundaries set.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (abstain), Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (abstain) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Motion Fails 2-0

6. A resolution to approve ALDI Store #157 located at 2302 W. Thomas St., Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain a permit to sell packaged Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is ALDI (Louisiana) LLC.

Charles Borchers, explained item

Kia Young, owners representative was present to answer question. She stated the opening was going to be September 25.

There was a motion by **Councilman DiVittorio** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to approve ALDI Store #157 located at 2302 W. Thomas St., Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain a permit to sell packaged Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is ALDI (Louisiana) LLC.

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

7. A resolution to authorize the purchase of a 2026 Ford Explorer for the Purchasing Department from Bill Hood Ford. Total sale Price \$40,159.00 State Contract 4400023793. (Charles Borchers)

Leon Maryland, stated that he thought the price was too high.

Stanley Campbell, asked if the vehicle was needed.

Councilwoman Gonzales explained and thanked Jana in purchasing for the information she provided.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to authorize the purchase of a 2026 Ford Explorer for the Purchasing Department from Bill Hood Ford. Total sale Price \$40,159.00 State Contract 4400023793.

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

8. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for improvements at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport. Under this agreement, DOTD will provide \$10,306.58 in general aviation reimbursement for eligible expenses incurred by the Airport in Fiscal Year 2025.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for improvements at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport. Under this agreement, DOTD will provide \$10,306.58 in general aviation reimbursement for eligible expenses incurred by the Airport in Fiscal Year 2025.

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

9. A resolution approving Hammond Northshore Regional Airport's FY26-30 Capital Improvement Plan.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item and stated that the plan is coordinated with the FAA and DOTD to provide funding.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** resolution approving Hammond Northshore Regional Airport's FY26-30 Capital Improvement Plan.

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: stated the Minnesota Park Rd was opened ahead of schedule.

Charles Borchers stated that the first public hearing was held on the Martin Luther King Park Block Grant improvements and a second public hearing will be held on Monday September 22, 2025 at 4:00 pm. there was a pubic hearing on the

Council: No Council Reports

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

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

September 9, 2025

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LISA COCKERHAM
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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