



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
312 EAST CHARLES STREET  
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA  
OCTOBER 28, 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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6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

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**II. ROLL CALL:** : Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman Wells (absent), 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 October 14, 2025 Meeting  
**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of October 14, 2025 Meeting.**  
**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:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. An ordinance declaring moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to the Town of Independence of one (1) 2011 Tahoe (K-9 unit). (Charles Borchers IV)  
Mayor Panepinto, explained the item.  
Councilman Wells, entered the meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve an ordinance declaring moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to the Town of Independence of one (1) 2011 Tahoe (K-9 unit)

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

2. An ordinance declaring moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to St. Helena Parish of one (1) 2016 Tahoe (K-9 unit). (Charles Borchers IV)

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve an ordinance declaring moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to St. Helena Parish. One (1) 2016 Tahoe (k-9 unit)

Mayor Panepinto, explained the item.

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

3. Override of the Mayor's veto of an ordinance granting an expanded conditional use to Sherri Brown Jackson to construct a duplex at 806 Mooney Avenue. (Councilman Devon Wells)

Mayor explained his reasons for the veto.

Councilman Wells, expressed his concerns and why the Council should override the veto. There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to override the Mayor's veto of an ordinance granting an expanded conditional use to Sherri Brown Jackson to construct a duplex at 806 Mooney Avenue.

**VOTE:** Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (N) Councilman Leon (N), Councilman Andrews (Abstain). Motion Fails 2-2

**VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:**

1. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a request by Tyler Olivia to Annex 17400 Highway 190 East into the City's corporate limits in accordance with a survey by Max Bodin, Inc, dated August 27, 2025. The property is to be zoned C-H and located in District 1. The Planning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (5-0). (Charles Borchers)

Mayor Panepinto, explained the item

Stanley Campbell, District 1, asked about the property being annexed.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance to approve a request by Tyler Olivia to Annex 17400 Highway 190 East into the City's corporate limits in accordance with a survey by Max Bodin, Inc, dated August 27, 2025. The property is to be zoned C-H and located in District 1.

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

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. A resolution to approve Annual Alcohol Renewals for 2026. (Charles Borchers)

Kasey Daigle, explained the process for renewals.

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio** to approve Annual Alcohol Renewals for 2026.

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

2. A resolution to approve HRD Truck Stop located at 3151 Hwy 190 West Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain a permit to sell packaged Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is HRD Group LLC. (Kasey Daigle)

Kasey Daigle, explained the item.

Owner was present to answer questions

**There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells** to approve HRD Truck Stop located at 3151 Hwy 190 West Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain a permit to sell packaged Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is HRD Group LLC.

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

3. A resolution to accept the proposed health insurance package for calendar year 2026. (Henry Powell) Henry Powell, explained the package.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon** to accept the proposed health insurance package for calendar year 2026.

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

4. Review and ratify bids received 10/16/2025 for "Woodbridge South Outfall"--project no. 420-12506. Mitchell D. Roniger, explained the item and recommends the award to Lawson Bonet the low bidder in the amount of \$279,933.00.

Deborah Swenson, Woodbridge Subdivision, thanked the city and council for the project..

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews** to review and ratify bids received 10/16/2025 for "Woodbridge South Outfall"--project no. 420-12506.

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

5. A resolution 1) accepting a \$55,050 grant from the Traffic Safety Grant Program for Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection and Juvenile Underage Drinking Enforcement; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. (Charles Borchers)

Mayor Panepinto, explained the item

Daniel Boudreaux, Hammond Police Department, explained the program.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio** 1) accepting a \$55,050 grant from the Traffic Safety Grant Program for Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection and Juvenile Underage Drinking Enforcement; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

6. A resolution 1) accepting a \$16,230 grant from 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; 2) approving a \$10,820 cash match

from the Historic District and the Grant Match Fund; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. (Charles Borchers IV)

Mayor Panepinto, explained the item.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** 1) accepting a \$16,230 grant from 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; 2) approving a \$10,820 cash match from the Historic District and the Grant Match Fund; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

7. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$10,000 application to the Artistic Transformations Revitalizing Challenging Spaces Grant Program for the installation of public art in Morrison Alley; and 2) supporting a \$5,000 cash match from the Grant Match Fund.

Mayor Panepinto explained the items.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon** 1) supporting the submission of a \$10,000 application to the Artistic Transformations Revitalizing Challenging Spaces Grant Program for the installation of public art in Morrison Alley; and 2) supporting a \$5,000 cash match from the Grant Match Fund.

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

8. A resolution to extend the ordinance of the moratorium on the acceptance of applications and issuance of permits or approvals for off premises signs and billboards within the City of Hammond for an additional 90 days. Councilwoman Gonzales explained the item.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon** to extend the ordinance of the moratorium on the acceptance of applications and issuance of permits or approvals for off premises signs and billboards within the City of Hammond for an additional 90 days.

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

9. A resolution requesting the Louisiana State Police to conduct a review of the incident regarding Bobby Ray McCaskey.

Councilman Kip Andrews explained the item.

Stanley Campbell asked about the status of other reviews and asked that it be looked into.

Michael Showers, NAACP, stated it has been months and still no answers and he wants to get to the bottom of this matter.

Melvin McGary asked about the matter and that it was important.

Micole Nichols, asked about the status of the reviews and there should be some certainty and there should be answers.

Leon Maryland, retired police officer, asked questions about the reviews.

Pamela Denise, asked about the city's findings

Stanley Campbell, asked about the information.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells** requesting the Louisiana State Police to conduct a review of the incident regarding Bobby Ray McCaskey.

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

10. A resolution requesting the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to conduct an audit of the Hammond Police Department, particularly but not limited to details. (Councilman Kip Andrews)

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio** requesting the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to conduct an audit of the Hammond Police Department, particularly but not limited to details.

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

## **IX. REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** stated they city has received \$511,000 in grant funds. He stated that Halloween is Friday and trick or treating is from 5 to 8pm.

### **Council:**

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that Villa West is getting gas services.

Councilman Wells, asked about tree stumps on 1406 Corbin Road as well as other issues.

Mayor stated that the city does not grind stumps on private property.

Councilman Wells, asked that the vacuum truck clean Corbin, Reed, Garret and Washington St.

Councilman Leon, thanked the city for completing the project on Darrell Drive and he talked about the positive things that are happening in the city.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that Boo at the Hammond Recreation Department is October 30<sup>th</sup>. And the Veterans Luncheon is November 6 at 11 am.

Councilman Andrews, stated that this is Hammond High Homcoming week. The parade is Thursday and the game is Friday. He also stated that the November 11 City Council meeting is canceled due to the Veterans Holiday and is rescheduled for November 18, 2025. He also asked about the water bills. Mayor Panepinto, stated that there has been a lot of re-reads.

**X. ADJOURN**

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

October 28, 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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