



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
NOVEMBER 18, 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:

1. 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, explained the item.

Representative for Mr. Olivia- was present to answer questions.

Councilman Wells, enters the meeting.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR AGENDA
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
November 18 , 2025**

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

II. ROLL CALL: : Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman Wells (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 October 28, 2025 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of October 28, 2025 Meeting.

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

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

Councilman Wells, returns to meeting

VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption 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).

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt 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

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to establish the salary and annual compensation for the office of the Mayor, effective with the commencement of the next full term of office.

Mayor Pete Panepinto, explained the item

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance to establish the salary and annual compensation for the office of the Mayor, effective with the commencement of the next full term of office.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (N) Councilman DiVittorio (N) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y)

Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 3-2

2. Introduction of an ordinance to establish the compensation for the Council Members, effective with the commencement of the next full term of office.

Mayor Pete Panepinto, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to establish the compensation for the Council Members, effective with the commencement of the next full term of office.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (N) Councilman DiVittorio (N) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y)

Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 3-2

3. Introduction of an ordinance establishing a Temporary 365 Day Moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications for Group Homes, Group Care Facilities, Group Living Facilities, Day Care Facilities, Adult Day Care Facilities, Assisted Living Facilities, Lodging Homes, Boarding Homes, Rooming Houses and Zoning Amendments therefore within the City of Hammond, providing for variances and providing a severability clause.

Councilman Wells, explained the item.

Leon Maryland, Hammond, had questions regarding the item.

Andre Coudrain, explained the proposed ordinance.

Councilman DiVittorio, expressed his concerns on group homes and stated that more work needs to be done.

Jaqueline Taylor, is in favor of group homes and homeless shelters.

Debra Swenson, Woodbridge Subdivision, thanked the council for bring the item forward. .

Sal Nicolosi, Hwy 190 West, stated that there was an adult daycare on the mainstreet in the City of Hammond and thinks that it should be looked into.

Dan Lambert, Cate St, Hammond asked if this would apply to homeless shelters. He stated we have a bad homeless problem in Hammond. He asked if the city have any plans to help with the homeless in the city.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to introduce an ordinance establishing a Temporary 365 Day Moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications for Group Homes, Group Care Facilities, Group Living Facilities, Day Care Facilities, Adult Day Care Facilities, Assisted Living Facilities, Lodging Homes, Boarding Homes, Rooming Houses and Zoning Amendments therefore within the City of Hammond, providing for variances and providing a severability clause.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y)

Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 5-0

4. Introduction of an ordinance to amend billboard requirements in the Unified Development Code (Frankie Legaux). (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Scott Jones, Denham Springs, expressed his concerns and stated he sent in a suggestion for regulations and ask that they consider his suggestions.

Brett Moreau, Thibodeaux stated he was in favor of option two and expressed his concerns.

Councilman Wells, asked about the number of banned billboard.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the proposed changes.

Councilman Wells asked about the billboards that need to be torn down.

Charles Borchers, stated he did not have that information but he can have that information available at the next meeting.

Councilman DiVittorio, expressed his concerns regarding the billboard and maintenance.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to introduce an ordinance to amend billboard requirements in the Unified Development Code (Frankie Legaux).

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) LISA- PLEASE CHECK THIS VOTE

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

OLD BUSINESS

1. A resolution to approve Annual Alcohol Renewals for 2026.

Kasey Daigle, explained the item.

John Fedducia, representing the bar the Brown Door asked that a letter to Mr. Daigle and a letter from Ernest Legier, Commissioner, Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control explaining his suspension and the suspension being lifted, be placed in the record and attached to the minutes.

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

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. A Resolution to reappoint Courtney Mahler to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term until December 31, 2029. She was originally appointed to the Commission on December 10, 2024.

Heather Diebold, read Courtney Mahler's Biography.

Courney Mahler was present to answer questions.

Councilman Wells, asked about cemeteries.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to reappoint Courtney Mahler to the Hammond Historic District Commission for a four-year term until December 31, 2029.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y)

Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 5-0

2. Review and ratify bids received 11/06/2025 for "Miscellaneous Concrete Street Improvements [FY 2026]"-project no. 420-12602.

Mitchell D. Roniger, explained the project and he also stated that a section of the work is being split 50/50 with Southeastern Louisiana University. He recommends an award to Alfaro Brothers Concrete and Construction LLC the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$183,220.00.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the Miscellaneous Concrete Street Improvement (FY 2026) award to Alfaro Brothers Concrete and Construction LLC the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$183,220.00.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y)

Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 5-0

3. A resolution adopting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and Authorizing the Mayor, Director of Administration, and City Council Clerk to sign the questionnaire.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve a resolution adopting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and Authorizing the Mayor, Director of Administration, and City Council Clerk to sign the questionnaire.

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

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: No Report

Council:

Councilwoman Gonzales reminded everyone of the event in the Downtown Development District and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Leon, expressed his concerns about the influx of electric bikes. He is concerned about safety. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked the city for getting the Christmas lights up.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about follow-up on grass cutting in his area.

Councilman Wells, thanked the Mayor for getting tree stumps grinded and he wished everyone a safe and blessed holiday. He also talked about having a higher standard for the city

Councilman DiVittorio, acknowledged the work of city employee Carlese for doing good work

Stanley Campbell, talked about the food drive that his organization was hosting.

Councilman Andrews, thanked everyone in the city the food drive. He also stated that there will be a clean up in and around Martin Luther King Park. He thanked City Attorney Andre, Councilman DiVittorio, Charles the Director of Administration and the Director of Our Daily Bread Food Bank for meeting to talk about changes to the distribution. He also stated that he received an email stating that his moral and values are going to destroy the city. He explained that he stands on what he believes and in no way is he here to hurt the city. He spoke about the alcohol vote and stated why he voted the way he did. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ronald Dangerfield, Hammond, he stated he noticed the work that is taking place around the area and it's getting better. He stated Carlese a city worker is a good guy and He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

November 18, 2025

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LISA COCKERHAM
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS
HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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