



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
January 13, 2026
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 Mary Lavigne to Annex 21.77 and 18 Acres of Magazine Street into the City's corporate limits. The property is to be zoned RS-3 and located in District 1. The Planning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0)
Charles Borchers, requested to table this item.
There was no public comment.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
January 13, 2026
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 (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. ELECTION

Councilman Wells entered the meeting.

• **Election of President of City Council for 2026**

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to elect Councilman Kip Andrews as President of Hammond City Council for 2026.

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

• **Election of Vice President of City Council for 2026**

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to elect Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales as Vice- President of Hammond City Council for 2026.

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

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2025 Meeting.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the minutes of December 9, 2025.

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

VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve a request by Mary Lavigne to Annex 21.77 and 18 Acres of Magazine Street into the City's corporate limits. The property is to be zoned RS-3 and located in District 1. The Planning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0) (Charles Borchers) There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to table the adoption of an ordinance to approve a request by Mary Lavigne to Annex 21.77 and 18 Acres of Magazine Street into the City's corporate limits.

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

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Vince Robique to rezone 206 Tower Drive from I-L to C-H to expand on the allowed uses for the property. The property is located in District 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (5-0).

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Vince Robique to rezone 206 Tower Drive from I-L to C-H to expand on the allowed uses for the property. The property is located in District 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (5-0).

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

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

2. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a Revocation of City-Right-of-Way by Sergio Mesa, East of 711 East Morris Avenue for future subdivision of the property. The property is located in District 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (5-0).

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an ordinance to approve a Revocation of City-Right-of-Way by Sergio Mesa, East of 711 East Morris Avenue for future subdivision of the property. The property is located in District 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (5-0).

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

3. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Joe Lombardo to rezone 800, 801, 803, 807, and 809 South Oak Street from RS-3 and RM-2 to C-N, to match the East side of 800 South Oak Street, for an expansion of their Behavioral Health Center. The property is located in District 2. Applicant is proposing to add outpatient services and an additional 24 more beds to the proposed new facility. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (5-0).

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Joe Lombardo to rezone 800, 801, 803, 807, and 809 South Oak Street from RS-3 and RM-2 to C-N, to match the East side of 800 South Oak Street, for an expansion of their Behavioral Health Center. The property is located in District 2. Applicant is proposing to add outpatient services and an additional 24 more beds to the proposed new facility. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (5-0).

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

4. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a Revocation of City-Right-of-Way by Joe Lombardo, West of 800 South Oak Street, Block 8 and 9 of the Barber Addition, to be zoned C-N, for an expansion of their Behavioral Health Center. The property is located in District 2. Applicant is proposing to add outpatient services and an additional 24 more beds to the proposed new facility. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (5-0).

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an ordinance approve a Revocation of City-Right-of-Way by Joe Lombardo, West of 800 South Oak Street, Block 8 and 9 of the Barber Addition, to be zoned C-N, for an expansion of their Behavioral Health Center. The property is located in District 2. Applicant is proposing to add outpatient services and an additional 24 more beds to the proposed new facility. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (5-0).

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

5. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a Major Subdivision by Chad Stevens at 610 Hewitt Road, located in District 3. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (5-0).

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance to approve a Major Subdivision by Chad Stevens at 610 Hewitt Road, located in District 3. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (5-0).

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

6. Introduction of an ordinance by the City Planner to amend General Definitions from the City's Unified Development Code, (UDC). The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (5-0).

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an ordinance by the City Planner to amend General Definitions from the City's Unified Development Code, (UDC). The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (5-0).

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

IX. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to approve the appointment of Mary Mowad Guiteau to the Downtown Development District Board, representing the Chamber of Commerce, for a two-year term effective immediately to December 31, 2027.

John Exnicios explained the appointment.

Mary Mowad Guiteau was present to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales approving the appointment of Mary Mowad Guiteau to the Downtown Development District Board, representing the Chamber of Commerce, for a two-year term effective immediately to December 31, 2027

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

2. A resolution to approve the appointment of Evan Singer to the Downtown Development District Board, representing largest assessed property owner First Guaranty Bank, to fulfill the current seat term effective immediately to December 31, 2026. (Michelle Kendall)

John Exnicios explained the appointment.

Evan Singer was present to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews approving the appointment of Evan Singer to the Downtown Development District Board, representing largest assessed property owner First Guaranty Bank, to fulfill the current seat term effective immediately to December 31, 2027.

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

3. A resolution to approve the appointment of Todd Delaune to the Downtown Development District Board, representing the City of Hammond Mayor, for a two-year term effective immediately to December 31, 2027.

John Exnicios explained the appointment.

Todd Delaune was present to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales approving the appointment of Todd Delaune to the Downtown Development District Board, representing the City of Hammond Mayor, for a two-year term effective immediately to December 31, 2027.

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

4. A resolution to approve the appointment of Ryan Oliphant to the Downtown Development District Board, representing the district's East side business and property owners, for a two-year term effective immediately to December 31, 2027.

John Exnicios explained the appointment.

Ryan Oliphant was present to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews approving the appointment of Ryan Oliphant to the Downtown Development District Board, representing the district's East side business and property owners, for a two-year term effective immediately to December 31, 2027.

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

5. A resolution to authorize the purchase of a 2027 Freightliner M2-106 with 30 cubic yard dump body trash truck from Covington Sales and Services Inc. Total sale Price \$159,997.00 RFP 26-10.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Councilman Wells, expressed his concerns regarding the use of the vehicle and asked if there would be a tracking device on it.

Councilman DiVittorio, express his concerns with the use and availability of the vehicle.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to authorize the purchase of a 2027 Freightliner M2-106 with 30 cubic yard dump body trash truck from Covington Sales and Services Inc. Total sale Price \$159,997.00 RFP 26-10.

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

6. A resolution 1) accepting a \$142,500 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for "Runway 13/31 Overlay & Striping (Design)" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews 1) accepting a \$142,500 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for "Runway 13/31 Overlay & Striping (Design)" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

7. A resolution 1) accepting a \$7,500 grant from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Aviation Division for "Runway 13/31 Overlay & Striping (Design)" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales 1) accepting a \$7,500 grant from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Aviation Division for "Runway 13/31 Overlay & Striping (Design)" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

8. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Work Authorization in the amount of \$108,872.08 with Michael Baker International for "Runway 13/31 Overlay & Striping (Design)" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon authorizing the Mayor to execute a Work Authorization in the amount of \$108,872.08 with Michael Baker International for "Runway 13/31 Overlay & Striping (Design)" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport.

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

X. REPORTS:

Mayor: Happy New Year! Mayor stated that the afterschool program is back and there are some opening in the afterschool program. He explained the program.

Councilman Wells, asked for the cost of the program.

Mayor, explained

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that the construction, drainage project on Al Ida Street has started and everyone is happy that it is getting done. He asked if he could meet with the Mayor one day this week to go over the project and discuss a shortfall at the end of it.

Councilman Wells, stated he received 52 complaints regarding the water bills and he has proof that the meters are not being read properly and they have to come out and do a re-read. He asked that they have a solution at the next council meeting. He asked when did the sewer rates go up.

Charles Borchers explained that they went up in October.

Councilman Wells, asked if this can be on the next city council agenda because people can't afford it and he would like to take the money that he have in his budget and give the people \$25 toward their bills. He would like to have a solution by the next city council meeting. He asked the council clerk to see who she can talk to, everything in his budget he would like to give it away.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated he is concerned about the water bill re-reads.

Mayor stated he is aware there has been having some issues and they are working on them.

Charles Borchers, explained what they are trying to do to address the issues.

Pam Haynes, Hammond, stated she is waiting on a re-read and she doesn't think her councilman should take money out of the budget for District 3. She believe they need to come up with a better solution.

Charles Borchers, explained that they are looking at some things they could possible do.

Councilman Andrews, invited everyone to come out to Martin Luther King Park in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday and they need to designate a representative from the council to oversee the the Wilbert Dangerfield Award program.

Councilwoman Gonzales, recommended the Council President Andrews continue to oversee the award program.

XI . 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

January 13, 2026

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LISA COCKERHAM

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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