



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
January 27, 2026
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

II. ROLL CALL: Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman Andrews (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Wells (absent),

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

Old Business

1. An ordinance 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) Frankie Legaux, City Planner explained the item.

No public comment

New Business

1. 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) Frankie Legaux, City Planner explained the item.

No public comment

2. 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) Frankie Legaux, City Planner explained the item.

No public comment

3. 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) Frankie Legaux, City Planner explained the item.

City Administration recommends tabling.

No public comment

4. 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)

Frankie Legaux, City Planner explained the item.

City Administration, stated this is the same as item # 4 and asked that the item be tabled.

No public comment

5. 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)

Frankie Legaux, explained the item.

Chad Stevens, representative of the the developer explained the proposal.

Brenda Longino, has some concerns about the neighborhood.

Megan Bordelon, stated that she is concerned about the speed of cars on Hewitt Rd and it can't handle more traffic

Barbara Miller, lives on Hewitt and she is concerned about the traffic and crime. She wanted to know how many houses are being put on Hewitt.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about the placement of the homes and access points.

Chad Stevens, explained

Trevor Carter, stated she is concerned about the traffic and what kind of impact it is going to have on her neighborhood and her family. She talked about the her street needing repaired, Spruce on the dead end side. She talked about her water bill and they said they gave her a credit but she wants cash.

Councilman Wells, entered meeting
Councilman Wells, asked about notices and signage.
Council Clerk, explained the notices to neighbors for City Council Public Hearing.
Pam Haynes, stated she was concerned about a lot of the subdivisions in one area, she is concerned about an overflow of traffic.
Chad Stevens explained the two accesses.
Rayfield Moore, stated she has concerned about the trash, crime and traffic.
Tom Easterly, 450 Laurel Street, representative of the developer, agreed to defer the item until the next meeting.
Michael Vonhom, representative of Beacon Light Church, stated the project will increase the value of the community.
6. 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)
Frankie Legaux, City Planner explained the item.
Nick Gigliano, asked if it will reduce the flood insurance.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
January 27 , 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 Andrews (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Wells (P),

III. PRAYER: Evangelist Joyce Cox

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of January 13, 2026 Meeting.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of January 13, 2026 Meeting.

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

VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

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Charles Borchers, asked to table item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to table an the adoption of an ordinance to approve a Major Subdivision by Chad Stevens at 610 Hewitt Road, located in District 3.

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

6. Final adoption 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)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to adopt an ordinance by the City Planner to amend General Definitions from the City's Unified Development Code, (UDC).

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

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Stephen Scherer to rezone 300 Morris Road from RS-11. A to I-L, to match the zoning to the East of the property in District 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (5-0) (Charles Borchers)

Frankie Legaux, explained the item

Stepher Scherer, present on behalf of the owner.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Stephen Scherer to rezone 300 Morris Road from RS-11. A to I-L, to match the zoning to the East of the property in District 1.

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 rezoning request by Mona Pellichino to rezone 502 East Morris Avenue from RM-2 to MX-C for a counseling office in District 2. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (5-0) (Charles Borchers)

Frankie Legaux, explained the item

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if this was in Iowa Overlay District.

Mona Pellichino, property owner was present.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to to approve a rezoning request by Mona Pellichino to rezone 502 East Morris Avenue from RM-2 to MX-C for a counseling office in District 2.

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 by the City Planner to amend the City's Unified Development Code (UDC) regarding Appeals. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (5-0) (Charles Borchers)

Frankie Legaux, explained the item

Councilman Wells, asked for an explanation

Charles Borchers, provided an explanation

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce Ordinance by the City Planner to amend the City's Unified Development Code (UDC) regarding Appeals.

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 eliminate the 2,000-gallon minimum charge for water service. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Megan Bordelon, thinks the water bill is unreasonable and cap should be removed.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if meters are being read correctly- that is the problem.

Charles Borchers, explained the issues with reading meters and water and sewer revenues and usage.

Councilman Wells, stated that meters need to be read correctly.

Pam Hayne, District 3, asked about a re-read.

Sergio Mesa, asked about the meter reading problem and data collection.

Stanley Campbell, District 1, stated that there is a problem with meter reading and the city should be proactive.

Rico, has a high water bill

Eilean Sanders, has a high water bill

Trever Carter, would like money and not a credit from the re-read.

Jacquilin Moore, has a high water bill

Precious Meyers, has a high water bill

Sal Nicolosi, stated the ordinance should be tabled.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an ordinance to eliminate the 2,000-gallon minimum charge for water service.

Vote: Councilman DiVittorio (N), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (N), Motion to approved 3-2

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to approve Hammond Citgo located at 1200 S Morrison Blvd, Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain a permit to sell packaged Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is OM Morrison Hammond Oil LLC. (Charles Borchers)

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

2. A resolution granting the Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunriser Rotary Club a waiver of open container law for the Chili Cook-off from 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Saturday, February 28, 2026. The event will take place in the downtown parking mall and grassy area west of the railroad track and bound by W Morris Ave, S Cate St, W Coleman Ave and SW Railroad Ave. (Nick Gagliano)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio granting the Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunriser Rotary Club a waiver of open container law for the Chili Cook-off from 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Saturday, February 28, 2026. The event will take place in the downtown parking mall and grassy area west of the railroad track and bound by W Morris Ave, S Cate St, W Coleman Ave and SW Railroad Ave.

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

3. A resolution granting Hammond BBQ, Inc. a waiver of open container law for the Hammond BBQ Challenge from 2:00-9:00 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2026 and from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 2026. The event will take place within the boundaries of East Robert Street, North Cate Street, East Charles Street, and the railroad tracks and on railroad property just north of East Robert Street between North Cate Street and the railroad tracks. (Brian Shirey)

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4. Resolution to ratify proposals received in response to RFP 26-13 - Independent Auditing Services and awarding a contract to the lowest responsive proposer. (Carolyn Howard)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to ratify proposals received in response to RFP 26-13 - Independent Auditing Services and awarding a contract to the lowest responsive proposer, James Lambert Riggs Associates in the amount of \$64,500.

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

5 . A resolution authorizing the purchase of 21 bulletproof vests for Hammond police officers from Perret's at a cost of \$31,786.23. The purchase will be made using \$28,385.36 in Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant funds and \$3,400.87 in Hammond Police Department funds. (Charles Borchers IV)

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: Be weather aware, be prepared, be aware of heaters.

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, good to see the department heads at the meeting. He asked about potholes, trees, powerlines and flood study. He also expressed his concerns with the traffic for Our Daily Bread.

Councilman Well, water bills are a problem

Councilman Andrews, stated that he sent out the YTD Budget Report.

X . ADJOURN:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews 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 27, 2026

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LISA COCKERHAM

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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