



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
February 24, 2026
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

**Wilbert Dangerfield Award of Excellence Ceremony will be immediately following our regular session.
Old Business**

1. 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, explained the item.

Councilman DiVittorio enters the meeting

No Public Comment

2. 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, explained the item.

No Public Comment

3. 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 entered the meeting.

No public comment



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR AGENDA
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
February 24, 2026
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

II. ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman Wells (P), Councilman DiVittorio (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 February 10, 2026 Meeting.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales second Councilman Leon to approve Minutes of February 10, 2026

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

VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

Old Business

1. Final adoption 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)

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy 190 west asked about the operators of the clinic and the number of beds.

Owner was present to answer questions .

Councilman Wells asked about fencing/fences.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales second Councilman Leon 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.

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

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Councilman Wells asked for an explanation of the item.

Sal Nicolosi, asked about the property owners.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales second Councilman Andrews 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.

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

3. Final adoption 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 Legeaux)

Charles Borchers and Frankie Legaux explained the item.

Councilman Wells asked about the time on appeals and delays for appeals and boards.

Andre Coudrain, explained the commission and boards.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales second Councilman Leon approve the adoption of an ordinance by the City Planner to amend the City's Unified Development Code (UDC) regarding Appeals.

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

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an Ordinance request by Raquelle Collins for a Variance to open a Daycare Facility at 101 Alida Drive, Unit A. in District 4

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Councilman Wells, stated that everything was done before the moratorium and this should not have come before them.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio second Councilman Andrews to introduce an Ordinance request by Raquelle Collins for a Variance to open a Daycare Facility at 101 Alida Drive, Unit A. in District 4.

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

2. Introduction of an Ordinance request by Regina Showers-Gordon for a Variance to open a Daycare Facility at 1809 and 1901 North Morrison Boulevard, in District 5.

Charles Borchers,, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second Councilman Leon to introduce an Ordinance request by Regina Showers-Gordon for a Variance to open a Daycare Facility at 1809 and 1901 North Morrison Boulevard, in District 5.

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

3. Introduction of Ordinance to update the Unified Development Cod (UDC) by the City Planner regarding Definitions and Uses. (Charles Borchers)

Frankie Legaux, explained the changes.

Pam Haynes, Hammond, asked who the rules would apply to and if older businesses would be grandfathered in.

Councilman Wells, asked about business licenses and revocation.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales second Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an Ordinance to update the Unified Development Code (UDC) by the City Planner regarding Definitions and Uses.

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

4. Introduction of Ordinance to amend the Unified Development Code regarding Required Signage and Notices.

Councilman DiVittorio, explained the ordinance.

Charles Borchers, asked about sending it to Planning and Zoning and this would have to go on the April Meeting.

Andre Coudrain, stated it needs to go to planning and zoning for their recommendation before final adoption.

Councilman Wells, thanked Councilman DiVittorio and stated he was glad this came up.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second Councilman Wells to introduce an Ordinance to amend the Unified Development Code regarding Required Signage and Notices.

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution supporting the acceptance of a grant award from the LADOTD Local Road Safety Program for traffic safety improvements at five intersections in Hammond, and authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Charles Borchers IV explained the item

Councilman DiVittorio,asked about Hwy 190 west locations for grants.

Sal Nicolosi, Hwy 190 west, expressed his concerns about accidents along Hwy 190 west and asked about grants for that area.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales second Councilman Andrews supporting the acceptance of a grant award from the LADOTD Local Road Safety Program for traffic safety improvements at five intersections in Hammond, and authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

2. Review and ratify bids received 02/05/2026 for “Evangeline Dr. Drainage Improvements” – project no. 420-42202.

Mitchell D. Roniger, explained the item and recommends award to Alfaro Bros. Concrete Construction, LLC for \$88,110.00.

Councilman Wells asked if this was a part of the budget.

Charles Borchers explained that this was not talked about in the budget and most of them money is coming from a bond from the developer.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells second Councilman DiVittorio Review and ratify bids received 02/05/2026 for “Evangeline Dr. Drainage Improvements” – project no. 420-42202.and recommends award to Alfaro Bros. Concrete Construction, LLC for \$88,110.00.

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: Congratulation to the recipients of the Wilbert Danderfield Award.

Council:

Councilman Wells, asked for an update on water bill charges for school, hospitals, warehouse and trying to fine a way to reduce sewer rates for citizens. He wants to be on record that he is here to serve District 3. and referenced a comment by Councilwoman Gonzales that he was threatening her.

Andre Coudrain, stated she made a statement in a public meeting.

Councilman Wells wants it on the record that she made the statement twice and he’s there to serve his district and the city. He wants to make sure he is protecting him and his district and he is not up there for games.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about Brandi Land and street lights.

Councilman Wells, asked about 202 South Spruce St, the cleaning of the ditch.

Charles Borchers said that Robert Williams went out and he would speak to him.

Councilman Wells, called Ms. Joyce Cox forward to explain about the speed bump on S. Spruce Street.

Charles Borchers, stated he would speak to Robert Williams about it.

Joyce Cox, She asked about a sidewalk and a fence around the bridge.

Councilman DiVittorio asked about Our Daily Bread.
Charles Borchers, explained the progress that has been made.
Councilman Andrews thanked code enforcement and Robert William's Department for work they are doing on Apple Street.

X . ADJOURN:

There was a motion by Councilman 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

February 24, 2026

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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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