



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTE
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
January 14, 2025
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An Ordinance Requiring Budget Reports to the City Council at the Second City Council Meeting Following the End of Each Quarter.

Councilman DiVittorio, entered the meeting

Councilman Andrews, explained the ordinance

Councilwoman Gonzales thanked Councilman Andrews for working with the administration on this item.

Councilman Wells asked for the report to be made available to the public.

No Public Comment

2. An ordinance to approve a street naming request by Devon Wells to rename Carolina Street to Willie Grant Jackson Drive.

Charles Borchers explained the ordinance.

Councilman Wells thanked the administration for this

No Public Comment

3. An ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Kenneth Crockett to rezone 517 Hewitt Road from RS-11.A to MX-N in accordance with the preliminary plat by Max Bodin, Inc. dated 08/21/24.

Charles Borchers explained the ordinance and stated that Planning and Zoning approved the request.

Kenneth Crockett, owner was present to answer questions and explained the plan for the property.

No Public Comment

4. An ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Brian Dozier to rezone 1009 C M Fagan Drive from MX-N to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Martin Surveying Solutions, LLC dated 06/27/2024.

Charles Borchers explained the ordinance. Planning and Zoning commission recommended the rezoning.

No Public Comment



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
JANUARY 14, 2025
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

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

V. ELECTION:

Election of President of City Council for 2025

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to re-elect Kip Andrews for another term as City Council President.

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

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

Election of Vice President of City Council for 2025

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to elect Carlee Gonzales to the Office of Vice President of the Hammond City Council.

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

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2024 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the minutes of December 10, 2024 meeting.

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

VII. PRESENTATION: A presentation by Principal Engineering on the flood study for the City of Hammond.

Andre Monet, Principal Engineering, gave a report of the status of the flood study and proposed map. Council members, asked question and discussed the study.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked for a review of a particular area that was left out of the study.

Andre Monet, explained and said they would take another look at the area in question.

Councilman Andrews asked how it will affect the study.

Andre Monet, explained that it was possible and that they could address it with FEMA and amend the application, but he doesn't know how long it will take.

Councilwoman Gonzales asked about possibly doing a second application with FEMA.

Andre Monet, explained

Councilman Wells, asked about the agreement that the city made with them. He asked about the length of time they have been working on the project and the number of times Andre Monet appeared before the council.

Deborah Swenson 12 Ravenwood St, asked questions about the study and asked where they can get a copy of the study.

Councilwoman Gonzales requested a copy of the slides.

Deborah Swenson, asked about flooding, flooding occurrences and flood insurance.

Andre Monet, explained

Deborah Swenson, asked when they will be able to see a public review.

Andre Monet, explained that it there will be an announcement in the public news journal at the conclusion of the study.

Deborah Swenson, asked about the study being sent to the corps of engineers.

Ron Matthews, 905 Del Mar Blvd, asked about a reviewed study of the model and he explained.

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance Requiring Budget Reports to the City Council at the Second City Council Meeting Following the End of Each Quarter. (Councilman Andrews)

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt an Ordinance Requiring Budget Reports to the City Council at the Second City Council Meeting Following the End of Each Quarter.

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

2. Final adoption of an Ordinance to approve a street naming request by Devon Wells to rename Carolina Street to Willie Grant Jackson Drive. (Charles Borchers)

Councilman Wells, thanked the administration and asked about the sign.

Councilman Andrews, thanked Councilman Wells for spearheading this request.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt an Ordinance to approve a street naming request by Devon Wells to rename Carolina Street to Willie Grant Jackson Drive.

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

3. Final adoption of an Ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Kenneth Crockett to rezone 517 Hewitt Road from RS-11.A to MX-N in accordance with the preliminary plat by Max Bodin, Inc. dated 08/21/24.

Brenda Longino, Hewitt Rd, stated she does not agree with the rezoning because it would be in her front door.

Councilman Wells stated that this was in District 3 and he thinks that it should be residential. He explained his position and stated why he is against the re-zoning. He spoke to the residents and they are against it. He's against the small zoning signs, they are too small to read. He requested that the city get larger signs.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if the owner could get a conditional use versus rezoning the whole property.

Kenneth Crockett, owner explained the map shown to the council is not correct and the house on the property is not asked to be rezoned. He explained that the map is wrong and they are looking at the back area behind the house. He explained the process has been going on for about five months.

Councilman Wells, stated the map is wrong and the property is in district 3 and he is going to vote no or table the item. He stated they do not want the community to change so fast, they want good growth.

Mayor Panepinto, asked Ms Longino what she was against.

Kenneth Crockett asked about other properties being rezoned and the issue with his property.

Councilman DiVittorio, explained

Charles Borchers, explained the zoning request and that the map is incorrect and that it shows the original parcel before it was divided.

Stanley Campbell, 408 Hewitt, asked the the developer about his initial plans.He expressed his concerns with the process that the developers are using.

Deborah Swenson, 12 Ravewood, asked about the resubdivision of property and ask that the item be tabled since the map is incorrect.

Charles Borchers, explained

Pam Haynes, stated this is taking away from the neighborhood and she is against it.

Councilman Well, stated that he would like to meet with the administration and Planning and zoning so this will not happen again.

There was a motion by **Councilman DiVittorio** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to table an Ordinance of a rezoning request by Kenneth Crockett to rezone 517 Hewitt Road from RS-11.A to MX-N in accordance with the preliminary plat by Max Bodin, Inc. dated 08/21/24.

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

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Charles Borchers, explained

Councilman Wells asked Charles Borchers to explain the difference between MX-C and MX-N.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve and then the motion was withdrawn by Councilwoman Gonzales.

Councilman Wells asked if the person/persons was told to attend the meeting. He has a problem with people not showing up. Anyone with an item on the agenda should show up.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to table an Ordinance Ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Brian Dozier to rezone 1009 C M Fagan Drive from MX-N to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Martin Surveying Solutions, LLC dated 06/27/2024.

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

Stanley Campbell, asked about the planning and zoning meetings

Charles Borchers, explained

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

X. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to approve The Spot located at 201 E Thomas St. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is The Spot Hospitality LLC.

Glen Alack, owner was present to answer questions.

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilman Wells** to approve The Spot located at 201 E Thomas St. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is The Spot Hospitality LLC.

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

2.A resolution to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Lawson-Bonet Construction, Inc. for 1300 ft. of 1 ½ electrical bore in Woodbridge Subdivision in the amount of \$41,600.00.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the resolution and the need for the work.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman Leon** to approve to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Lawson-Bonet Construction, Inc. for 1300 ft. of 1 ½ electrical bore in Woodbridge Subdivision in the amount of \$41,600.00.

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

3. A resolution to authorize Benny's Place to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the Planet in the Park event hosted by We Didn't Planet LLC., held on Saturday, February 8th, 2025 from 11:00am - 6:00pm. The event will take place at Cate Square Park, 200 West Charles Street.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to table the resolution to authorize Benny's Place to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the Planet in the Park event hosted by We Didn't Planet LLC., held on Saturday, February 8th, 2025 from 11:00am - 6:00pm. The event will take place at Cate Square Park, 200 West Charles Street.

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

4. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammonds Open Container law to Benny's Place during the Planet in the Park event hosted by We Didn't Planet LLC., held on Saturday, February 8th, 2025 from 11:00am - 6:00pm. The event will take place at Cate Square Park, 200 West Charles Street.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to table a resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammonds Open Container law to Benny's Place during the Planet in the Park event hosted by We Didn't Planet LLC., held on Saturday, February 8th, 2025 from 11:00am - 6:00pm. The event will take place at Cate Square Park, 200 West Charles Street. **VOTE:** Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion tabled 5-0

XI. REPORTS:

Mayor: Mayor stated that Christmas was successful and thanked the Tycer family for use of the train in the park. Rainbow trout will be placed in Zemurly Park Pond on January 21, 2025

Council: Councilman DiVittorio, asked about getting patrols in the Villa West and Lakewood Neighborhoods.

Councilman Wells, wished everyone a Happy New Year, He stated that there needs to be rules in place and he thanked everyone for showing up. He stated people should be aware of the rules made in the city. He stated a lot of work is needed in District 3 and Second Avenue. He stated people were burning tires in the neighborhood and something needs to be done. Second Ave needs to be cleaned up. He said that Martin Luther King day is Monday and invited everyone out to the park.

Councilman Andrews, stated MLK day is Monday and everyone is invited to come out to the park. He announced the Wilbert Dangerfield Award coming up next month and to appoint an overseer. Councilman Andrews will be overseeing the Wilbert Dangerfield Awards.

XII . ADJOURN

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adjourn 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 TRANSACTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD January 14,

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III. PUBLIC HEARING: Old Business

1. An ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Brian Dozier to rezone 1009 C M Fagan Drive from MX-N to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Martin Surveying Solutions, LLC dated 06/27/2024.

Charles Borchers, Director of Administration, explained the ordinance.

Darby Lambert, represented the owner and was available for questions.

No public comments



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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2025 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of January 14, 2025 meeting.

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

VI. REPORT: YTD budget report for Council

Councilman Andrews stated that the year to date budget report will be on the City website and available to the public. He asked the council to submit any questions to him for the next meeting.

VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Brian Dozier to rezone 1009 C M Fagan Drive from MX-N to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Martin Surveying Solutions, LLC dated 06/27/2024.

Charles Borchers, explained the ordinance

Councilman Wells, asked questions of Darby Lambert, representing the owner.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to adopt an Ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Brian Dozier to rezone 1009 C M Fagan Drive from MX-N to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Martin Surveying Solutions, LLC dated 06/27/2024.

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

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. An ordinance to increase fees for leases and services at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport.

Charles Borchers, Director of Administration, explained the ordinance. He stated that the airport board meet and approved by the rates. The effective date for the changes will be July 1, 2025.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an Ordinance to increase fees for leases and services at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport.

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

2. An Ordinance Establishing A temporary 180 Day Moratorium on the acceptance and processing of permits for off-premises signs and billboards within the City of Hammond, providing for variances and providing a severability clause.

Councilwoman Gonzales, explained the ordinance and the need for the ordinance.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an Ordinance Establishing A temporary 180 Day Moratorium on the acceptance and processing of permits for off-premises signs and billboards within the City of Hammond, providing for variances and providing a severability clause.

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

IX. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to authorize Benny's Place to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the Planet in the Park event hosted by We Didn't Planet LLC., held on Saturday, February 8th, 2025 from 11:00am - 6:00pm. The event will take place at Cate Square Park, 200 West Charles Street. Alec Griffith, 209 Blackburn Rd, explained the event.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize Benny's Place to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the Planet in the Park event hosted by We Didn't Planet LLC., held on Saturday, February 8th, 2025 from 11:00am - 6:00pm. The event will take place at Cate Square Park, 200 West Charles Street.

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

2. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammonds Open Container law to Benny's Place during the Planet in the Park event hosted by We Didn't Planet LLC., held on Saturday, February 8th, 2025 from 11:00am - 6:00pm. The event will take place at Cate Square Park, 200 West Charles Street.

Alec Griffith, was available to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to grant a waiver of the City of Hammonds Open Container law to Benny's Place during the Planet in the Park event hosted by We Didn't Planet LLC., held on Saturday, February 8th, 2025 from 11:00am - 6:00pm. The event will take place at Cate Square Park, 200 West Charles Street.

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

3. A resolution to approve the appointment of Kayla Morgan, representing largest assessed property owner Regions Bank, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective immediately to December 31, 2026.

Michelle Kendall, explained that appointment

Kayla Morgan was available to answer questions and explained her desire to serve.

Councilman Wells left the meeting

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the appointment of Kayla Morgan, representing largest assessed property owner Regions Bank, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective immediately to December 31, 2026.

VOTE: Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 4-0

4. A resolution to approve the appointment of John Exnicios, representing largest assessed property owner Hancock Whitney Bank, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective immediately to December 31, 2026.

Michelle Kendall, explained that appointment

John Exnicios, was available to answer questions and explained his desire to serve.

Councilman DiVittorio, left the meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve the appointment of John Exnicios, representing largest assessed property owner Hancock Whitney Bank, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective immediately to December 31, 2026.

VOTE: Councilman DiVittorio (absent), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 3-0

5. A resolution to approve the appointment of Justin Cashe, representing largest assessed property owner First Guaranty Bank, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective immediately to December 31, 2026.

Michelle Kendall, explained that appointment

Justin Cashe, was available to answer questions and explained his desire to serve.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to approve the appointment of Justin Cashe, representing largest assessed property owner First Guaranty Bank, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective immediately to December 31, 2026.

VOTE: Councilman DiVittorio (absent), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion Approved 3-0

6. A resolution to approve the appointment of Hillory Hracek, representing the West Side Business and Property Owners, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective immediately to December 31, 2026.

Michelle Kendall, explained that appointment

Councilman DiVittorio, enters the meeting.

Councilman Wells, enters the meeting.

Hillory Hracek, was available to answer questions and explained his desire to serve.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to approve the appointment of Hillory Hracek, representing the West Side Business and Property Owners, to the Downtown Development District Board for a two-year term effective immediately to December 31, 2026.

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

7. A resolution regarding the Termination and Dissolution of the Hammond Tangipahoa Home Mortgage Authority.

Stan Dameron explained the dissolution.

Mayor Panepinto, thank Mr. Dameron for his service.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve a resolution regarding the Termination and Dissolution of the Hammond Tangipahoa Home Mortgage Authority.

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

8. A resolution 1) accepting a \$15,080 grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase portable radios for the Hammond Police Department; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is no match requirement.

Charles Borchers, Director of Administration explained the grant.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales 1) accepting a \$15,080 grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase portable radios for the Hammond Police Department; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is no match requirement.

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

9. A Resolution to purchase 5 Dash Cameras for the Hammond Police Department for a total of \$48,423.00 State Contract # 4400028582. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, Director of Administration explained the resolution and state this will come out of the police department budget.

Councilman Wells, asked questions about the cameras.

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to purchase 5 Dash Cameras for the Hammond Police Department for a total of \$48,423.00 State Contract # 4400028582.

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

10. A resolution authorizing Hammond BBQ, Inc. to sell, serve, or otherwise handle alcohol on City property within the boundaries of North Cate Street from East Charles Street to approximately 170 feet north of East Robert Street and from North Cate Street to the west perimeter of the adjacent parking mall from 3:00-11:00 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2025, and from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday, March 29, 2025.

Brian Shirey, explained the event.

Councilman Wells, asked about a map for the event.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing Hammond BBQ, Inc. to sell, serve, or otherwise handle alcohol on City property within the boundaries of North Cate Street from East Charles Street to approximately 170 feet north of East Robert Street and from North Cate Street to the west perimeter of the adjacent parking mall from 3:00-11:00 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2025, and from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday, March 29, 2025.

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

11. A resolution granting Hammond BBQ, Inc. a waiver of open container law on City property within the boundaries of North Cate Street from East Charles Street to approximately 170 feet north of East Robert Street and from North Cate Street to the west perimeter of the adjacent parking mall from 3:00-11:00 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2025, and from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday, March 29, 2025.

Brian Shirey, was available to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio granting Hammond BBQ, Inc. a waiver of open container law on City property within the boundaries of North Cate Street from East Charles Street to approximately 170 feet north of East Robert Street and from North Cate Street to the west perimeter of the adjacent parking mall from 3:00-11:00 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2025, and from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday, March 29, 2025.

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X. REPORTS:

Mayor: Hammond had snow and we were lucky there was no ice or sleet and he thanked everyone for cooperating.

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, stated he enjoyed the snow and was happy that no one lost electricity. Councilman Wells, thanked the Mayor and Administration for how they handled the snow storm. He also thanked Desiree the Park Director for the work they are doing in Mooney Park. Councilman Andrews, stated they will soon be receiving a water and sewer report and would like to look at the water, sewer and garbage rates.

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III. PUBLIC HEARING

1. An ordinance to increase fees for leases and services at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport. Charles Borchers explained the ordinance. He stated that the Airport Board approved the amounts and an appraisal was obtained and is consistent with the proposed rates. The rates will not go into effect until July 1, 2025.

Ken Ross, member of the Airport Board spoke in favor of the rates and stated that this will help the airport to become self-sufficient.

2. An ordinance Establishing A temporary 180 Day Moratorium on the acceptance and processing of permits for off-premises signs and billboards within the City of Hammond, providing for variances and providing a severability clause.

Councilwoman Gonzales, explained the ordinance and stated that City needs to control density.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that he didn't receive any calls about the signs, but he received calls about buildings in his district. They need to look at getting an architectural committee to look at buildings and signs.

Councilman Wells, entered the meeting.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Highway 190 W, stated that there are portable signs that should be looked at.

Jeanne Voorhees commented on the item under introduction of ordinance no. 2. She expressed her concern about the property being in the Iowa District.



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VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to increase fees for leases and services at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport.

Chris Goodman, expressed his concerns about the ordinance

Erin Pierce, a tenant of the airport, stated that the changes at the airport have been amazing and he supports the ordinance.

Ken Ross, Airport Board Member, stated the FAA said the airport needs to be self- sustaining and he supports the ordinance.

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to adopt an Ordinance to increase fees for leases and services at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport.

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

2. Final adoption of an Ordinance Establishing A temporary 180 Day Moratorium on the acceptance and processing of permits for off-premises signs and billboards within the City of Hammond, providing for variances and providing a severability clause. (Councilwoman Gonzales)

Councilman Sam DiVittorio, left the meeting

There was a motion by **Councilman Steve Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales** to adopt an Ordinance Establishing A temporary 180 Day Moratorium on the acceptance and processing of permits for off-premises signs and billboards within the City of Hammond, providing for variances and providing a severability clause.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (abstain), Councilman DiVittorio (absent), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion Approved 3-0

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a Front Facing Variance by Jacqueline Howard for repositioning of a new mobile home from LA Restore, concerning 110 ½ E. Stovall Street. (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers, explained the item, planning and zoning recommended approval.

Councilman Steve Leon left the meeting

Councilman DiVittorio returned to the meeting

Councilman Wells stated he spoke with Ms. Jacqueline and thank the council for putting the item on the agenda.

There was a motion by **Councilman Kip Andrews** and second by **Councilman Devon Wells** to introduce an Ordinance to approve a Front Facing Variance by Jacqueline Howard for repositioning of a new mobile home from LA Restore, concerning 110 ½ E. Stovall Street.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman Leon (absent). Motion Approved 4-0

2. Introduction of an ordinance to approve Rezoning by Gemetri Carter from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Bodin and Webb Inc, dated 12/13/2019, concerning 508 S. Range Road.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Councilman Steve Leon re-entered the meeting

Charles Borchers stated that the property is split zoned and planning and zoning recommended approval.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked for additional information before the next meeting.

Councilman Andrews, stated he had received a lot of questions about the property.

Gwendolyn Carter, asked questions about the ordinance.

Councilwoman Gonzales, explained the Iowa District

Gwendolyn Carter, asked questions about the zoning.

Charles Borchers, explained the zoning and that planning and zoning recommended the zoning.

Gwendolyn Carter stated the current property owner would have some say in the zoning of what they would prefer on their property.

Gemetri Carter, owner of the property said she was told that she could rezone it and it was her choice.

Ron Matthews, member of the planning and zoning commission explained the property and their recommendation.

Councilman Wells, recommended that they reach out to City Councilman Andrews.

There was a motion by **Councilman Kip Andrews** and second by **Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales** to introduce an Ordinance to approve Rezoning by Gemetri Carter from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Bodin and Webb Inc, dated 12/13/2019, concerning 508 S. Range Road.

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center and its approved merchants to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the Art of the Cocktail event held on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 6:00pm - 10:00pm. The event boundaries are East and West Robert Street, North and South Cherry Street, East and West Coleman Street, and North and South Magnolia Street. The cocktail tasting event is hosted by the Hammond Regional Arts Center in partnership with local restaurants and bars.

Melissa Griffin, was present to explain the event.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center and its approved merchants to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the Art of the Cocktail event held on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 6:00pm - 10:00pm. The event boundaries are East and West Robert Street, North and South Cherry Street, East and West Coleman Street, and North and South Magnolia Street. The cocktail tasting event is hosted by the Hammond Regional Arts Center in partnership with local restaurants and bars.

VOTE: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

2. A resolution to grant a waiver of the city of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Hammond Regional Arts Center during the cocktail-sampling event Art of the Cocktail on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 6:00pm - 10:00pm. The event boundaries are East and West Robert Street, North and South Cherry Street, East and West Coleman Street, and North and South Magnolia Street. The cocktail tasting event is hosted by the Hammond Regional Arts Center in partnership with local restaurants and bars.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to grant a waiver of the city of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Hammond Regional Arts Center during the cocktail-sampling event Art of the Cocktail on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 6:00pm - 10:00pm. The event boundaries are East and West Robert Street, North and South Cherry Street, East and West Coleman Street, and North and South Magnolia Street. The cocktail tasting event is hosted by the Hammond Regional Arts Center in partnership with local restaurants and bars.

VOTE: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

3. A resolution to authorize the Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunriser Rotary Club to sell, serve, or otherwise handle alcohol (beer only) on Saturday February 15, 2025 from 10:00am until 3:00pm for the Chili Cook-off within the downtown parking mall east of the railroad tracks and bound by W Morris Ave, S Cate St, and Hanson Crossing and the grassy area bound by Hanson Crossing, Cate Street Seafood Station, W Coleman Ave, and SW Railroad Ave.

John Daniel Guerin, was present to explain the event and answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to authorize the Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunriser Rotary Club to sell, serve, or otherwise handle alcohol (beer only) on Saturday February 15, 2025 from 10:00am until 3:00pm for the Chili Cook-off within the downtown parking mall east of the railroad tracks and bound by W Morris Ave, S Cate St, and Hanson Crossing and the grassy area bound by Hanson Crossing, Cate Street Seafood Station, W Coleman Ave, and SW Railroad Ave.

VOTE: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

4. A resolution to authorize the Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunriser Rotary Club to receive a waiver of open container on Saturday February 15, 2025 from 10:00am until 3:00pm for the Chili Cook-off within the downtown parking mall east of the railroad tracks and bound by W Morris Ave, S Cate St, and Hanson Crossing and the grassy area bound by Hanson Crossing, Cate Street Seafood Station, W Coleman Ave, and SW Railroad Ave. (John Daniel Guerin)

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the Hammond-Ponchatoula Sunriser Rotary Club to receive a waiver of open container on Saturday February 15, 2025 from 10:00am until 3:00pm for the Chili Cook-off within the downtown parking mall east of the railroad tracks and bound by W Morris Ave, S Cate St, and Hanson Crossing and the grassy area bound by Hanson Crossing, Cate Street Seafood Station, W Coleman Ave, and SW Railroad Ave.

VOTE: Kip Andrews (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

5. A resolution to ratify and award bids received 1/30/2025 for "Sidewalk Improvements (FY 2025)"- project no. 420-12503

Jay Pittman, explained the items and bid sheets. He recommended the award to the low bidder Alfaro Bros Concrete Construction, LLC in the amount of \$365,566.00.

Councilman Wells asked about the sidewalk footage on Natchez Street and from Live Oak to Corbin Rd, Harold St to Corbin. He stated that there was a building on the corner and heavy trucks crossing the sidewalk and he wanted to take the 400 ft out because of the trucks crossing. He would like to use the 400ft in another part of the district.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about parts of the projects and priorities and expressed his concern regarding projects. He asked about a project on Cherie and Westdale. He talked about streetlights and lights coming off I-55.

Councilman Wells asked about the sidewalk footage from Church St to Magazine and, Mississippi St sidewalk from Mooney Ave to Natchez, W. Morrison, W side of Zemurray Park. He asked why are they putting a sidewalk on the canal.

Mayor Panepinto, stated that it is heavily traffic and to make it safe.

Jay Pittman, stated it also gave access to Zemurray Park.

Councilman Wells, stated he has a problem with the side walk. He is having a problem with the drainage on the eastside of Mooney Ave from Mississippi St. pass Palmetto St. He asked for an update on the project.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked that if an issue come up in the future like on Aleta Dr, he asked that the councilman be notified.

Sam Nicolosi, asked about Al-Ida St and 190 West and lighting and sidewalks

Councilman Andrews, asked how do we proceed since Councilman Wells asked for the portion of the sidewalk be removed.

City Attorney Andre Coudrain stated the City has already put this out for bids, but they can do a change order, adopt the ordinance as is but do a change order to make the change.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to ratify and award bids received 1/30/2025 for "Sidewalk Improvements (FY 2025)"- project no. 420-12503

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

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

6. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Master Services Agreement with Michael Baker International for "Engineering Services at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport."

Charles Borchers, explained the agreement.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Master Services Agreement with Michael Baker International for "Engineering Services at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport."

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

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

7. A resolution authorizing Kip Andrews Council President to request an opinion from the Louisiana Attorney General regarding investigations of the City building department.

Councilman Andrews, explained the Attorney General required a resolution of the council for an opinion.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the communication from the Attorney General.

Sal Nicolosi, asked about communication with the Attorney General's office.

Councilwoman Gonzales, mentioned the revoting of the question.

Stanley Campbell, Hammond, LA, stated that he is opposed to the revote. He doesn't think it will look well publically because when they voted the first time it was unanimous. He thinks that the way the council is going about it shows great leadership.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells authorizing Kip Andrews Council President to request an opinion from the Louisiana Attorney General regarding investigations of the City building department.

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

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: Very successful Super Bowl for Hammond at the airport

Council:

Councilman Wells, called up a gentleman who had questions about an incident that happened on Magazine St.

Councilman Wells, asked about no parking signs for Natchaz St from Corbin to Live Oak. Lights outside of council chambers and other areas. He asked what could be done about the lights being out in the districts. He asked if someone can ride out and see what lights are out.

Mayor stated the Robert Williams and Ace should be riding around and flagging them.

Councilman Wells, stated there's light in front of Mooney Park that has been out for over a year and one on the corner of Mooney Ave and Phoenix that has been out for several month and JW Davis and Phoenix. He ask if a marking be put in the road to notify them when the light are out. He asked about tracking devices. He stated the stump grinder was used by a city employee for personal use.

Mayor was aware and he explained what happened. He gave an update on the tracking devices.

Councilman DiVittorio asked about the street sweeper and if they could get it in Westdale. There is a bad sewer smell at 138 Robinhood Drive, and would like to have it looked into. He would like to have potholes on Rue Denise and Rue Saint Martin addressed.

Councilman Andrews, stated he would look into the incident on Magazine St.

X. ADJOURN

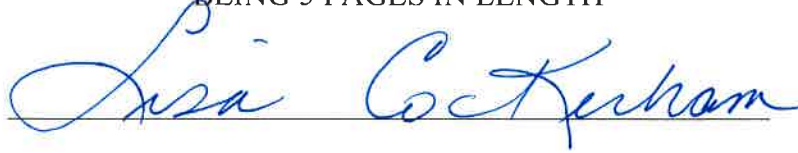
There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adjourn meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
February 25, 2025
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING

1. An Ordinance to approve a Front Facing Variance by Jacqueline Howard for repositioning of a new mobile home from LA Restore, concerning 110 ½ E. Stovall Street.

Charles Borchers, explained the request for a variance.

No Public Comment

2. An Ordinance to approve Rezoning by Gemetri Carter from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Bodin and Webb Inc, dated 12/13/2019, concerning 508 S. Range Road.

Charles Borchers, explained the request.

Gwendolyn Carter, explained the reason for the request for rezoning.

Karen Wallsten, property owner in Iowa District stated she opposes the re-zoning.

Jacqueline Taylor, asked about the zoning.

Jeanne Voorhees, thinks the property should be single family and opposes the re-zoning.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
February 25, 2025**

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PRAYER : Pastor Taylor

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of February 11, 2025 Meeting.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second **Councilman Leon** to approve the meeting minutes of February 11, 2025.

Vote: Councilman Wells (abstain), Councilman DiVittorio (absent), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 3-0

VI. PRESENTATION: Major Bradley T. Hayes, Esq- TopeLa French Exchange Program, spoke about the Topeela French Exchange Program, he stated an invitation has been extended to Hammond to attend the June Ponchartrain event. He asked for the councils support for the exchange on June 19-23, 2025

VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance to approve a Front Facing Variance by Jacqueline Howard for repositioning of a new mobile home from LA Restore, concerning 110 ½ E. Stovall Street. (Charles Borchers)

There was a motion by **Councilman Wells** and second **Councilman Andrews** to adopt an Ordinance to approve a Front Facing Variance by Jacqueline Howard for repositioning of a new mobile home from LA Restore, concerning 110 ½ E. Stovall Street.

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

2. Final adoption of an Ordinance to approve Rezoning by Gemetri Carter from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Bodin and Webb Inc, dated 12/13/2019, concerning 508 S. Range Road.

Councilman Andrews, asked to table this ordinance and set a meeting for Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 4pm so that everyone can meet and discuss.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilwoman Gonzales** to table the item.

Vote: Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (absent), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). 4-0 to table

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance request by Spencer Rossi to rezone 207 W Morris Ave from MX-C to MX-CBD to better conform with Downtown Hammond and the surrounding properties. The property is located in Council District 2, the Hammond Historic District, the Thomas/Morris Street Economic Development Overlay District, and the Hammond Downtown Development District.

Charles Borchers, explained the request.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance request by Spencer Rossi to rezone 207 W Morris Ave from MX-C to MX-CBD to better conform with Downtown Hammond and the surrounding properties. The property is located in Council District 2, the Hammond Historic District, the Thomas/Morris Street Economic Development Overlay District, and the Hammond Downtown Development District.

Vote: Councilman Wells (N), Councilman DiVittorio (absent), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion Approved 3-1

2. Introduction of an ordinance request by Spencer Rossi to rezone 211 W Morris Ave from MX-C to MX-CBD to better conform with Downtown Hammond and the surrounding properties. The property is located in Council District 2, the Hammond Historic District, the Thomas/Morris Street Economic Development Overlay District, and the Hammond Downtown Development District.

Charles Borchers, explained the request.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second Councilman Leon to introduce an ordinance request by Spencer Rossi to rezone 211 W Morris Ave from MX-C to MX-CBD to better conform with Downtown Hammond and the surrounding properties. The property is located in Council District 2, the Hammond Historic District, the Thomas/Morris Street Economic Development Overlay District, and the Hammond Downtown Development District.

Vote: Councilman Wells (N), Councilman DiVittorio (absent), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion Approved 3-1

3. Introduction of an ordinance request for a street renaming by Councilman Kip Andrews to rename E. Colorado St to Laura Knighten Drive.

Charles Borchers, explained the ordinance.

Councilman Andrews, explained the purpose for the re-naming.

Pastor Taylor, stated he was in support of the ordinance.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second Councilman Leon to introduce an ordinance request for a street renaming by Councilman Kip Andrews to rename E. Colorado St to Laura Knighten Drive.

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

IX. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to authorize Hammond Downtown Development District to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the Railroad Park Marguerite Walter Stage Dedication held on Friday, March 7th, 2025 from 2-3pm. The event will take place at Railroad Park, 106 NW Railroad Ave.

Michelle Kendall, spoke about the community survey that is underway and explained the dedication.

Councilman Wells left the meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize Hammond Downtown Development District to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the Railroad Park Marguerite Walter Stage Dedication held on Friday, March 7th, 2025 from 2-3pm. The event will take place at Railroad Park, 106 NW Railroad Ave.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (absent) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 3-0

2. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammonds Open Container law to the Hammond Downtown Development District for the Railroad Park Marguerite Walter Stage Dedication held on Friday, March 7th, 2025 from 2-3pm. The event will take place at Railroad Park, 106 NW Railroad Ave. **There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales** to grant a waiver of the City of Hammonds Open Container law to the Hammond Downtown Development District for the Railroad Park Marguerite Walter Stage Dedication held on Friday, March 7th, 2025 from 2-3pm. The event will take place at Railroad Park, 106 NW Railroad Ave.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (absent) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 3-0

3. A resolution to approve AK Food Mart located at 1910 S. Morrison Blvd. Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain an alcohol permit for a convenience store. The owner is AK Food Mart, LLC.(Charles Borchers) Mr. Singh, owner was present to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve AK Food Mart located at 1910 S. Morrison Blvd. Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain an alcohol permit for a convenience store.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (absent) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 3-0

4. A resolution to authorize the purchase of (2) 2025 F-150 Regular Cab Trucks for the Water & Sewer Department from Bill Hood Ford. Total Cost \$77,882.00 State Contract 4400023793

Charles Borchers, explained the purchase

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the purchase of (2) 2025 F-150 Regular Cab Trucks for the Water & Sewer Department from Bill Hood Ford. Total Cost \$77,882.00 State Contract 4400023793.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (absent) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 3-0

5. A resolution to authorize the purchase of a 2025 F-150 Extended Cab Truck for the Parks & Ground Department from Bill Hood Ford. Total Cost \$42,107.00 State Contract 4400023793

Councilman Wells returned to the meeting

Charles Borchers, explained the purchase.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the purchase of a 2025 F-150 Extended Cab Truck for the Parks & Ground Department from Bill Hood Ford. Total Cost \$42,107.00 State Contract 4400023793

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

6. A resolution to authorize the purchase of (2) 2025 F-150 Extended Cab Trucks for the Streets Department from Bill Hood Ford. Total Cost \$84,214.00 State Contract 4400023793

Charles Borchers, explained the purchase.

Councilman Wells, asked about tracking devices for the new vehicles.

Charles Borchers, stated they have already done the building department and are in the process of installing them in other departments.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy 190 west asked about the trucks that are being replaced.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the purchase of (2) 2025 F-150 Extended Cab Trucks for the Streets Department from Bill Hood Ford. Total Cost \$84,214.00 State Contract 4400023793

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

7. A resolution to review and ratify bids received 02/20/2025 for "Pride Drive Emergency Concrete Panel Replacement"--project no. 420-12513.

Mitchell D. Roniger, explained the item and recommends the award to the low bidder B & B Construction for \$45,790.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to review and ratify bids received 02/20/2025 for "Pride Drive Emergency Concrete Panel Replacement"--project no. 420-12513.

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

X. REPORTS:

Mayor: None

Council:

Councilman Wells, thanked the administration for lights and asked about a ditch on Phoenix Drive.

Joyce Cox, asked about sidewalks in her area on South Spruce.

Councilman Wells asked for no parking signs on Pine Street.

Krishna Hunter Wants to talk about the the Mckenly incident to be put placed on the agenda.

Councilman Andrews, stated he is looking into this.

Councilman Wells, stated he is concerned about how the Hammond Police Department is being run.

XI. ADJOURN

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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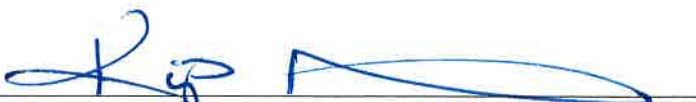
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
March 11, 2025
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING

OLD BUSINESS

1. An Ordinance to approve Rezoning by Gemetri Carter from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Bodin and Webb Inc, dated 12/13/2019, concerning 508 S. Range Road. (Charles Borchers)

Councilman Andrews asked that the item be tabled until property owners and the community have had an opportunity to meet and discuss.

PUBLIC HEARING – NEW BUSINESS

1. An ordinance request by Spencer Rossi to rezone 207 W Morris Ave from MX-C to MX-CBD to better conform with Downtown Hammond and the surrounding properties. The property is located in Council District 2, the Hammond Historic District, the Thomas/Morris Street Economic Development Overlay District, and the Hammond Downtown Development District.

Charles Borchers, Director of Administration, explained the request and stated that it was recommended by Planning and Zoning for approval.

Spencer Rossi, the property owner was present and explained the request.

Anthony Zuppardo, 205 S. Magnolia Street, asked about the new zoning.

2. An ordinance request by Spencer Rossi to rezone 211 W Morris Ave from MX-C to MX-CBD to better conform with Downtown Hammond and the surrounding properties. The property is located in Council District 2, the Hammond Historic District, the Thomas/Morris Street Economic Development Overlay District, and the Hammond Downtown Development District.

Charles Borchers, explained that this adjoins the property in item number one and explained the request.

No Public Comment

3. An ordinance request for a street renaming by Councilman Kip Andrews to rename E. Colorado St to Laura Knighten Drive.

Charles Borchers, explained that all the requirements have been met.

No Public Comment



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
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March 11, 2025
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Andrews (P), Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilman Wells (Absent), Councilman Leon (P), Councilwoman Gonzales (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 25, 2025 Meeting

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second **Councilman Leon** to approve the meeting minutes of February 25, 2025.

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. Final adoption of an Ordinance to approve Rezoning by Gemetri Carter from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Bodin and Webb Inc, dated 12/13/2019, concerning 508 S. Range Road.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second Councilman Andrews to table the adoption of an Ordinance to approve Rezoning by Gemetri Carter from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Bodin and Webb Inc, dated 12/13/2019, concerning 508 S. Range Road.

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

FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NEW BUSINESS

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There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second Councilman Andrews to adopt an ordinance request by Spencer Rossi to rezone 207 W Morris Ave from MX-C to MX-CBD to better conform with Downtown Hammond and the surrounding properties. The property is located in Council District 2, the Hammond Historic District, the Thomas/Morris Street Economic Development Overlay District, and the Hammond Downtown Development District.

Vote: Councilman Wells (Absent), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion Approved to table 4-0

2. Final adoption of an ordinance request by Spencer Rossi to rezone 211 W Morris Ave from MX-C to MX-CBD to better conform with Downtown Hammond and the surrounding properties. The property is located in Council District 2, the Hammond Historic District, the Thomas/Morris Street Economic Development Overlay District, and the Hammond Downtown Development District. (Charles Borchers)

Councilman Wells entered the meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second Councilman DiVittorio to adopt an ordinance request by Spencer Rossi to rezone 211 W Morris Ave from MX-C to MX-CBD to better conform with Downtown Hammond and the surrounding properties. The property is located in Council District 2, the Hammond Historic District, the Thomas/Morris Street Economic Development Overlay District, and the Hammond Downtown Development District.

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

3. Final adoption of an ordinance request for a street renaming by Councilman Kip Andrews to rename E. Colorado St to Laura Knighten Drive. (Charles Borchers)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second Councilwoman Gonzales to adopt an ordinance request for a street renaming by Councilman Kip Andrews to rename E. Colorado St to Laura Knighten Drive.

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 amend the code of ordinances regarding condemnation and demolition of unsafe buildings.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, explained the demolition ordinance.

Councilman Wells asked to look at a home in the 700 block of Mooney Ave for demolition.

Clyde Robinson, Macadonia Baptist Church, asked about the process.

Stanley Campbell, asked about a demolition list.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the process.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second Councilman Wells to introduce an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding condemnation and demolition of unsafe buildings.

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS: NONE

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: No report, he congratulated Ms. Knighten and thanked her.

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about and update on the Attorney General opinion.

Councilman Adrews, explained what is currently being done by the Attorney General.

Councilman Wells, thanked the Mayor for the Mooney Park projects.

Councilman Andrews asked the administration to look into potholes on Willow St. He also stated that there will be a neighborhood meeting on the rezoning item that has been tabled. He stated that the constituents are part of the process. He also thanked Ms. Knighten and stated that we will have a block party when the sign is put up.

X. ADJOURN

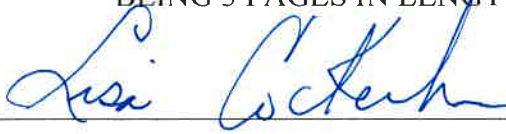
There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
March 25, 2025
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Andrews

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING
OLD BUSINESS**

1. An Ordinance to approve Rezoning by Gemetri Carter from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Bodin and Webb Inc, dated 12/13/2019, concerning 508 S. Range Road.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

No Public Comment

NEW BUSINESS

1. An ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding condemnation and demolition of unsafe buildings.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, explained the item.

No Public Comment



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
March 25, 2025**

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Andrews

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2025 Meeting

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second **Councilman Leon** to approve the meeting minutes of March 11, 2025.

Vote: Councilman Wells (abstain), 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. Final adoption of an Ordinance to approve Rezoning by Gemetri Carter from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Bodin and Webb Inc, dated 12/13/2019, concerning 508 S. Range Road.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to deny the adoption of an Ordinance to approve Rezoning by Gemetri Carter from RM-2 to MX-C in accordance with the preliminary plat by Bodin and Webb Inc, dated 12/13/2019, concerning 508 S. Range Road.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved to deny the rezoning 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding condemnation and demolition of unsafe buildings.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, explained the item.

Councilman Wells, left the meeting

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding condemnation and demolition of unsafe buildings.

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

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an Ordinance request for a conditional use Variance by Chris Ruffin to allow a mobile home in RS-3 Zoning. The property is 106 Alexander Road, located in District 1. (Charles Borchers)

Councilman Wells, returned to the meeting

Charles Borchers, explained the item

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to introduce an Ordinance request for a conditional use Variance by Chris Ruffin to allow a mobile home in RS-3 Zoning. The property is 106 Alexander Road, 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 Uncorked located at 2110 West Thomas St., Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a Wholesale Dealer. The owner is Frankonia Fine Wines, LLC.

Charles Borchers, explained the ordinance

Owner was not present

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to table Uncorked located at 2110 West Thomas St., Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a Wholesale Dealer

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

2. A resolution authorizing La Carreta, located at 108 NW Railroad Ave., Hammond LA, to close traffic to West Charles Street in front of the restaurant and in the south of the Case de Fresa parking lot Monday, May 05, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM, as well as authorizing La Carreta to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for our annual Cinco De Mayo celebration Monday, May 05, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM, in the closed area of West Charles Street in front of the restaurant and in the south of the Case de Fresa parking lot.

A representative of the owner was not present.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to table item #2 authorizing La Carreta, located at 108 NW Railroad Ave., Hammond LA, to close traffic to West Charles Street in front of the restaurant and in the south of the Case de Fresa parking lot Monday, May 05, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM, as well as authorizing La Carreta to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for our annual Cinco De Mayo celebration Monday, May 05, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM, in the closed area of West Charles Street in front of the restaurant and in the south of the Case de Fresa parking lot.

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

3. A resolution to ratify and award bids received 03/13/2025 for "Baffle Curtains - South WWTP & Effluent System Repairs" award bid to low bidder, Mitchell Contracting in the amount of \$276,000.00. **Jay Pittman**, explained the item and recommends the award to low bidder, Mitchell Constructions in the amount of \$276,000.00.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve and ratify and award bids received 03/13/2025 for "Baffle Curtains - South WWTP & Effluent System Repairs" award bid to low bidder, Mitchell Contracting in the amount of \$276,000.00.

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

4. A resolution to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Tycer Ready Mix per RFP 26-03 proposing pricing.

Charles Borchers, explained the item and recommends the award to the low bidder Tycer Ready Mix.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve the Mayor to enter into contract with Tycer Ready Mix per RFP 26-03 proposing pricing.

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

5. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract on behalf of The City of Hammond with Rail Technical Services for railroad track, signal and bridge inspections in the estimated annual amount of \$33,420.00.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Councilman Wells, asked about the Holly Street rail crossing.

Charles Borchers, said he would provide information.

Councilman Wells, requested that information be provided for the next city council meeting.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract on behalf of The City of Hammond with Rail Technical Services for railroad track, signal and bridge inspections in the estimated annual amount of \$33,420.00.

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

6. A resolution to authorize the purchase of (4) 2025 F-150 5.0L Crew Cab 4-WD for the Fire Department from Bill Hood Ford. Total sale Price \$191,475.00 State Contract 4400023793

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Stanley Campbell, asked about the policy on the replacement of vehicles.

Councilman Wells, stated that department heads should be present to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the purchase of (4) 2025 F-150 5.0L Crew Cab 4-WD for the Fire Department from Bill Hood Ford. Total sale Price \$191,475.00 State Contract 4400023793

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

7. A resolution 1) accepting a \$250,000 grant from Tangipahoa Parish Government for improvements to West Minnesota Park Road; 2) approving a cash match of up to \$370,000 from the Grant Match Fund; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item

Councilman Wells requested that the item be tabled.

Jay Pittman explained the difference between asphalt and concrete.

Councilman Wells, asked that the item be tabled until he can meet with the Mayor and others.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to table 1) accepting a \$250,000 grant from Tangipahoa Parish Government for improvements to West Minnesota Park Road; 2) approving a cash match of up to \$370,000 from 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 to Table approved 5-0

8. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$50,000 application to the T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program for improvements to the Miller Memorial Library.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio supporting the submission of a \$50,000 application to the T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program for improvements to the Miller Memorial Library.

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

Chris Young, Frankonia Fine Wines LLC apologized and asked that the tabled item under resolution #1 be heard.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to reconsider resolution item #1 that had been tabled.

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

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to approve Uncorked located at 2110 West Thomas St., Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a Wholesale Dealer. The owner is Frankonia Fine Wines, LLC.

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: No Report

Council:

Councilman Wells, recognized his nephew who is on active military duty.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about an accident that took place on Old Covington and Cherry at the red light, place rumble stripes or something to make safer.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about hazardous waste pick up.

Councilman Andrews asked about the incident at Martin Luther King Park and adding security.

Charles Borchers, stated that they are going to put camera in Martin Luther King Park.
Stanley Campbell, asked about crisis response team. He also asked about the McCaskey situation and the police chiefs response.

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.

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA**

**April 8, 2025
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING

1. An ordinance request for a conditional use Variance by Chris Ruffin to allow a mobile home in RS-3 Zoning. The property is 106 Alexander Road, located in District 1. (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers, explained the item

Chris Ruffin, was present to answer questions.

No Public Comment



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION AGENDA
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA**

**April 8, 2025
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Wells (P) Councilman DiVittorio (P) Councilwoman Gonzales (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 March 25, 2025 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the meeting minutes of March 25,2025.

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

VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance request for a conditional use Variance by Chris Ruffin to allow a mobile home in RS-3 Zoning. The property is 106 Alexander Road, located in District 1. (Charles Borchers)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to adopt an Ordinance request for a conditional use Variance by Chris Ruffin to allow a mobile home in RS-3 Zoning. The property is 106 Alexander Road, 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: NONE

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

OLD BUSINESS

1. A resolution authorizing La Carreta, located at 108 NW Railroad Ave., Hammond LA, to close traffic to West Charles Street in front of the restaurant and in the south of the Case de Fresa parking lot Monday, May 05, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM, as well as authorizing La Carreta to obtain a waiver of the

Open Container Law for our annual Cinco De Mayo celebration Monday, May 05, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM, in the closed area of West Charles Street in front of the restaurant and in the south of the Case de Fresa parking lot. (Kayli Payne)

Kayli Payne, 108 NW Railroad Ave, explained the item.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked what time does the music end

Kayli Payne stated that the music ends at 9:00 pm and at that time they would remove the barricades.

Councilwoman Gonzales stated that the open container on the resolution was worded until 10pm.

Kaylie Payne, stated that they are more than willing to roll it back to 9:00.

Councilman Wells, asked how are the people going to know that it is until 9:00.

Kaylie Payne, stated that they could advertise via social media, letting them know that music and outside bar ends at 9:00 pm.

Councilwoman Gonzales recommended approval of the resolution for the open container with a time change to 9:00 pm

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve changing it to 9:00 pm for the open container waiver. La Carreta, located at 108 NW Railroad Ave., Hammond LA, to close traffic to West Charles Street in front of the restaurant and in the south of the Case de Fresa parking lot Monday, May 05, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM, as well as authorizing La Carreta to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for our annual Cinco De Mayo celebration Monday, May 05, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM, in the closed area of West Charles Street in front of the restaurant and in the south of the Case de Fresa parking lot.

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

2. A resolution 1) accepting a \$250,000 grant from Tangipahoa Parish Government for improvements to West Minnesota Park Road; 2) approving a cash match of up to \$370,000 from the Grant Match Fund; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Councilman Wells, thanked the Council President for tabling the item so that he could meet with the Mayor, Parish President and others. He also thanked the Parish President for the \$250,000 grant.

Tracy Washington Wells, Hammond, LA, asked about the grant match fund.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells 1) accepting a \$250,000 grant from Tangipahoa Parish Government for improvements to West Minnesota Park Road; 2) approving a cash match of up to \$370,000 from 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

RESOLUTIONS: NEW BUSINESS

1. A resolution to authorize the purchase of a 2025 F-150 Extended Cab Truck for the Parks & Ground Department from Bill Hood Ford. Total Cost \$42,107.00 State Contract 4400023793.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Stanley Campbell, asked about the process for requests and existing vehicles.

There was a motion by **Councilman Wells** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to authorize the purchase of a 2025 F-150 Extended Cab Truck for the Parks &

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

2. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract on behalf of The City of Hammond with LAMM Food Service in the estimated annual amount of \$75,440.00. (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers, explained the item, this is food for the jail.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract on behalf of The City of Hammond with LAMM Food Service in the estimated annual amount of \$75,440.00.

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

3. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to renew insurance coverage for the City of Hammond for the period May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026. (Don Stiel)

Don Stiel, Stiel Insurance, explained the coverage and policy and made recommendations.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Wells to authorizing the Mayor to renew insurance coverage for the City of Hammond for the period May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026 as recommended.

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

4. A resolution authorizing Planet Recess Inc. to make repairs to Clarke Park Playground following the fire that damaged the playground. The cost of repairs is estimated at \$75,000. Funds will come from Clark Park Improvements (42050000-570295-12316). (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers, explained the items.

Tracy Wells, asked about insurance coverage for equipment and accountability for damage.

Charles Borchers, stated that he met with the IT Department and discussed where to position the cameras

Councilman Wells, asked if the cameras were working in the park.

Charles Borchers, explained

Councilman Wells, stated that he would like to review the camera room/and cameras in the park.

Councilman Andrews, asked about the money being budgeted to cameras.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing Planet Recess Inc. to make repairs to Clarke Park Playground following the fire that damaged the playground. The cost of repairs is estimated at \$75,000. Funds will come from Clark Park Improvements (42050000-570295-12316).

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

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

5. A resolution regarding referral of the February 10, 2025 incident regarding Bobby Ray McCaskey to the Louisiana Attorney General. (Councilman Andrews)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to approve a resolution regarding referral of the February 10, 2025 incident regarding Bobby Ray McCaskey to the Louisiana Attorney General.

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

Councilman Leon (abstain), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 3-1

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: None

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, thanked the administration for lights.

John Johnson Jr, stated he was having problems with drainage in his yard.

Charles Borchers, asked for his information and he would look into it.

Councilman Wells, thanked the administration for drainage work on JW Davis and work in Mooney Park. He stated the park still needs more work. He asked that the park be done before summer.

Charles Borchers, gave an update on parks and pavilion.

Councilman Andrews asked about the flood study, water work increase and the cemetery

Charle Borchers, stated he would look into them.

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.

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
April 22, 2025
5:30pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews**
- II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Wells (P) Councilman DiVittorio (P) Councilwoman Gonzales (P) Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Andrews(P)**
- III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION AGENDA
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
April 22, 2025
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews**
- II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Wells (P) Councilman DiVittorio (P) Councilwoman Gonzales (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 April 8, 2025 Meeting**
There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2025 meeting
- VI. PRESENTATION: City's Fiscal Year 2024 audit. (Michelle Treschwig, Kushner LaGraize CPAs & Consultants)**
Michelle Treschwig, provided a report on the city's fiscal audit for 2024.
Tracy Wells, 610 Mooney Ave, stated that the council should have had the audit report available before tonight. She also asked about the auditors findings.
- VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE**

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Christopher Wells to rezone 1009 Mooney Ave from RS-3 to RM-3, located in District 3.
Charles Borchers, explained the item and stated that Planning and Zoning recommendation was denial. There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Christopher Wells to rezone 1009 Mooney Ave from RS-3 to RM-3, located in District 3.
VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y) Motion approved 5-0
2. Introduction of an ordinance request for a street renaming by Unita Gay Andrews to rename East Hoover Street to Holton Hill Lane, located in District 1.
Charles Borchers, explained the ordinance and stated planning and zoning recommended approval. There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance request for a street renaming by Unita Gay Andrews to rename East Hoover Street to Holton Hill Lane, located in District 1.
VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y) Motion approved 5-0

IX. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to approve Mariner's Inn located at 117 W Thomas St. Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Seafarer's Hospitality. (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers, stated that this was a change in ownership and all requirements were met.

Glenn Alack, owner was present to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to approve Mariner's Inn located at 117 W Thomas St. Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant. The owner is Seafarer's Hospitality.

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

2. A resolution to approve Nash Express located at 605 Pecan St. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a convenience store. The owner is Q2, Inc. (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers, stated that this was a change in ownership and all requirements were met.

Owner was present to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve Nash Express located at 605 Pecan St. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a convenience store. The owner is Q2, Inc.

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

3. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 112 West Green Street, Hammond, LA 70401. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners; Lydia B. Adams Estate 3915 Madison Avenue Baton Rouge La 70802. Rodney Adams P O Box 1915 Hammond, La 70404. Midland Funding, LLC co/Easton Group P O Box 3001 Baton Rouge, La 70821. (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers, provided information on property in need of demolition.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the demolition of property located at 112 West Green Street, Hammond, LA 70401. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners; Lydia B. Adams Estate 3915 Madison Avenue Baton Rouge La 70802. Rodney Adams P O Box 1915 Hammond, La 70404. Midland Funding, LLC co/Easton Group P O Box 3001 Baton Rouge, La 70821.

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

4. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 117 Perry Land, Hammond, LA 70401. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners, Estate of Oliver Wells, Jr. and Rachel Wells c/o Erica McCray 2509 Galeshead Drive Upper Malboro, MD 20774. Heirs of Estate of Oliver Wells, Jr. and Rachel Wells 810-B Mooney Avenue Hammond LA 70403. Heirs of Estate of Oliver Wells, Jr. and Rachel Wells 811-B Mooney Avenue Hammond, LA 70401. Rachel Wells Sentra R. Wells Phaedra Wells 46041 Durbin Road Hammond, LA 70401. Michael Wells 46013 Durbin Road Hammond, LA 70401. Wells Brothers Developers, Inc. Thomas Wells 310 Mooney Avenue Hammond, LA 70401. Parish of Tangipahoa Sheriff c/o CIVICSOURCE Attention: Leo Sayer 935 Gravier St., Suite 1700 New Orleans, LA 70112. (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers, provided information on property in need of demolition.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the demolition of property located at 117 Perry Land, Hammond, LA 70401. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners, Estate of Oliver Wells, Jr. and Rachel Wells c/o Erica McCray 2509 Galeshead Drive Upper Malboro, MD 20774. Heirs of Estate of Oliver Wells, Jr. and Rachel Wells 810-B Mooney Avenue Hammond LA 70403. Heirs of Estate of Oliver Wells, Jr. and Rachel Wells 811-B Mooney Avenue Hammond, LA 70401. Rachel Wells Sentra R. Wells Phaedra Wells 46041 Durbin Road Hammond, LA 70401. Michael Wells 46013 Durbin Road Hammond, LA 70401. Wells Brothers Developers, Inc. Thomas Wells 310 Mooney Avenue Hammond, LA 70401. Parish of Tangipahoa Sheriff c/o CIVICSOURCE Attention: Leo Sayer 935 Gravier St., Suite 1700 New Orleans, LA 70112.

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

5. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 117 West Newman Street, Hammond, LA 70401. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners, Zabrina Leverne Conley P. O. Box 975 Springfield, LA 70462. Taplin Tuvache 19188 David Harris Lane Hammond, LA 70403.

Charles Borchers, provided information on property in need of demolition.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the demolition of property located at 117 West Newman Street, Hammond, LA 70401. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners, Zabrina Leverne Conley P. O. Box 975 Springfield, LA 70462. Taplin Tuvache 19188 David Harris Lane Hammond, LA 70403.

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

6. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 120 Moran Street, Hammond, LA 70401. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners; Augustine James 4600 Riddix

Lane Monroe, LA 71202. Serenity Sober Living, LLC 4600 Reddix Lane Monroe, LA 71202. Serenity Sober Living, LLC 145 Macon Drive Delhi, LA 71232. CivicSource Attn: Courtney Arena P O Box 50001 New Orleans, LA 70112.

Charles Borchers, provided information on property in need of demolition.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the demolition of property located at 120 Moran Street, Hammond, LA 70401. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners; Augustine James 4600 Riddix Lane Monroe, LA 71202. Serenity Sober Living, LLC 4600 Reddix Lane Monroe, LA 71202. Serenity Sober Living, LLC 145 Macon Drive Delhi, LA 71232. CivicSource Attn: Courtney Arena P O Box 50001 New Orleans, LA 70112.

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

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

7. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 311 Reed Street, Hammond, LA 70401. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners, James Brashell 311 Reed Street Hammond, LA 70401

Charles James Henry, etal 309 Reed Street Hammond, LA 70403, Elizabeth Brashell, Bernard Brashell 309 Reed Street Hammond, LA 70403 Joann P. Brashear 309 Reed Street Hammond, LA 70403.

Charles Borchers, provided information on property in need of demolition.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** authorizing the demolition of property located at 311 Reed Street, Hammond, LA 70401. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners, James Brashell 311 Reed Street Hammond, LA 70401 Charles James Henry, etal 309 Reed Street Hammond, LA 70403, Elizabeth Brashell, Bernard Brashell 309 Reed Street Hammond, LA 70403 Joann P. Brashear 309 Reed Street Hammond, LA 70403.

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

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

8. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 407 Washington Ave, Hammond, LA 70403. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners; Conerly Shedrick 407 Washington Avenue Hammond, LA 70403, Briana Jackson 1680 O'Neal Lane, Apt. 345 Baton Rouge, LA 70816.

Charles Borchers, provided information on property in need of demolition.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman Wells** authorizing the demolition of property located at 407 Washington Ave, Hammond, LA 70403. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners; Conerly Shedrick 407 Washington Avenue Hammond, LA 70403, Briana Jackson 1680 O'Neal Lane, Apt. 345 Baton Rouge, LA 70816.

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

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

9. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 1305 Mooney Ave, Hammond, LA 70403, Hammond, LA 70403. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners; Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. P O Box 1853 Albany, LA 70711. Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. Formerly known as Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. 1305 South Mooney Avenue Hammond, LA 70403. Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. through its Agent, Bro. Wendell Anderson 107 Mississippi St. Hammond, LA 70403. Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. through its Agent, Rev. Jesse Monget, Jr. 46259 N. Baptist Rd Hammond, LA 70401, Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. c/o Secretary, Sister Brenda Keith 29869 South Café Line Road Albany, LA 70711., Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. c/o Treasurer, Sister Verna Anderson 107 Mississippi St. Hammond, LA 70403, Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. c/o Director, Bro. Evandor Jackson 1145 Morris St. Hammond, LA 70401.

Charles Borchers, provided information on property in need of demolition.

Rev. Jessie Monget from Unity Missionary Baptist Church, stated this property has no harm to city and the city should not demolish the property.

There was a motion by **Councilman Wells** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** authorizing the demolition of property located at 1305 Mooney Ave, Hammond, LA 70403, Hammond, LA 70403. Located in Council District 3. Notification was sent to owners; Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. P O Box 1853 Albany, LA 70711. Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. Formerly known as Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. 1305 South Mooney Avenue Hammond, LA 70403. Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. through its Agent, Bro. Wendell Anderson 107 Mississippi St. Hammond, LA 70403. Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. through its Agent, Rev. Jesse Monget, Jr. 46259 N. Baptist Rd Hammond, LA 70401, Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. c/o Secretary, Sister Brenda Keith 29869 South Café Line Road Albany, LA 70711., Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. c/o Treasurer, Sister Verna Anderson 107 Mississippi St. Hammond, LA 70403, Unity Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, Inc. c/o Director, Bro. Evandor Jackson 1145 Morris St. Hammond, LA 70401. (Charles Borchers)

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

10. A resolution authorizing the purchase of a submersible pump for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant from Delta Process Equipment in the amount of \$65,890, including delivery, installation, and startup in 8-10 weeks.

Charles Borchers, explained the item and the need for the pump.

Councilman Wells, asked about the money in the water and sewer budget.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Wells** authorizing the purchase of a submersible pump for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant from Delta Process Equipment in the amount of \$65,890, including delivery, installation, and startup in 8-10 weeks.

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

11. A resolution to approve funding for the sidewalk improvements project at 223 East Thomas Street with a three-way, equal share of the cost of \$90,000 split between Sweet Haven LLC, the Hammond Downtown Development District, and the City of Hammond. The City's share of \$30,000 will come from Line Item 10028100-520117 - Contract Services in the Building Department's budget.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Councilman Wells, asked the funding for the project and money in the budget.

Councilman Andrews, asked about the agreement.

Stanley Campbell, Hammond, District 1 asked about balance sheet and financial statements and that they should be provided to the council.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to approve funding for the sidewalk improvements project at 223 East Thomas Street with a three-way, equal share of the cost of \$90,000 split between Sweet Haven LLC, the Hammond Downtown Development District, and the City of Hammond. The City's share of \$30,000 will come from Line Item 10028100-520117 - Contract Services in the Building Department's budget.

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

12. A resolution to Review and ratify bids received 04/17/2025 for "Drainage Improvements [FY 2025]"—project no. 420-12504.

Mitchell D. Roniger, Spangler Engineering, explained the item and recommended the award to the lowest responsible bidder, Richard Price Contractor for \$1,743,567.50 base bid.

Tracey Wells, asked questions about the project.

Councilman Andrews, asked about clean up and inspections after the completion of the work.

There was a motion by **Councilman DiVittorio** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to Review and Ratify bids received 04/17/2025 to the lowest responsible bidder Richard Price Contractor for \$1,743,567.50 base bid for "Drainage Improvements [FY 2025]"—project no. 420-12504.

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

X. REPORTS:

Mayor: State Wildlife and Fishery stocked Zemurray Pond with fish. May 3rd is household hazardous waste recycling day.

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio asked about shopping cart/buggies in the neighborhood around Lincoln Park and the Aleata St servitude.

Councilman Wells, invited John Johnson, 304 S. General Perishing to come forward. He asked about the drainage issues on his property.

Charles Borchers, stated that the city was looking into it.

Councilman Wells, stated that the equipment in Mooney Park needs to be cleaned.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the Aleata Dr. servitude.

Charles Borchers, is looking into it.

Councilwoman Gonzales, complimented the Hammond Police Department and Fire Department, on how they responded to a fire in the district.

Councilman Andrews, thanked the building department for looking into a problem with some properties in his district. He asked about the fence in Martin Luther King Park. He gave an update on the request from the Attorney General. He stated the opinion is being written on the building department investigation and he should hear back soon. He also stated that a request for the Attorney General review on the McCaskey case was sent.

XI . ADJOURN

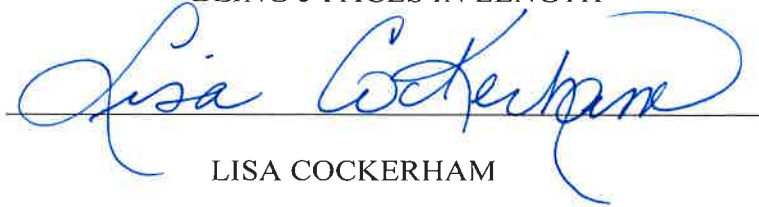
There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Andrews to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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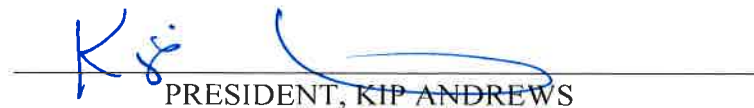
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
May 13, 2025
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. An ordinance to approve a request by Christopher Wells to rezone 1009 Mooney Avenue from RS-3 to RM-3. The property is located in District 3. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended denial 2-1.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the request.

Adrian Wells, Mooney Ave, spoke in support of ordinance on behalf of the owner.

Tracy Wells, 609 Mooney Ave, stated that she did not think it was spot zoning.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
May 13, 2025**

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Wells (P) Councilman DiVittorio (P) Councilwoman Gonzales (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 April 22, 2025 Meeting.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the minutes of April 22, 2025.

VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve a request by Christopher Wells to rezone 1009 Mooney Avenue from RS-3 to RM-3. The property is located in District 3. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended denial 2-1. (Charles Borchers IV)

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second Councilman Andrews to approve request by Christopher Wells to rezone 1009 Mooney Avenue from RS-3 to RM-3. The property is located in District 3. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended denial 2-1.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Abstain) Councilwoman Gonzales (N)
Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion approved 3-1

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond's budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 with a budget work session to follow on May 30, 2025 and a public hearing to follow on June 10, 2025.

Charles Borchers IV, gave an overview of budget.

Sal Nicolosi, asked about the prior year budget

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second Councilman Leon to introduce an ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond's budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 with a budget work session to follow on May 30, 2025 and a public hearing to follow on June 10, 2025.

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 authorize Hammond Downtown Development District to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol at the following events: Hammond Live, June 13th, July 18th, 5-8PM, at Cate Square Park. **Michelle Kendall**, explained the event.

Councilman Andrews, expressed his concern about selling alcohol in the park.

Councilman Wells, asked questions about selling alcohol in the park.

There was a motion by **Councilman Wells** and second **Councilwoman Gonzales** authorizing the Hammond Downtown Development District to to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol at the following events: Hammond Live, June 13th, July 18th, 5-8PM, at Cate Square Park.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (abstain) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (abstain) Motion approved 3-0

2. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container law to the Hammond Downtown Development District at the following events: Hammond Live, June 13th, July 18th, 5-8PM, at Cate Square Park. (Michelle Kendall)

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second **Councilman Wells** to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container law to the Hammond Downtown Development District at the following events: Hammond Live, June 13th, July 18th, 5-8PM, at Cate Square Park.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (abstain) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (abstain) Motion approved 3-0

3. A resolution to authorize Hammond Downtown Development District to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol at the following event: Pavilion Grand Opening, July 31st, 3-8PM, at the Downtown Pavilion.

Michelle Kendall requested that the item be tabled.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second **Councilman Andrews** to table the request to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol at the following event: Pavilion Grand Opening, July 31st, 3-8PM, at the Downtown Pavilion.

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

4. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container law to the Hammond Downtown Development District at the following event: Pavilion Grand Opening, July 31st, 3-8PM, at the Downtown Pavilion.

Michelle Kendall asked that the item be table.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second **Councilman Andrews** to table the request to for the City of Hammond's Open Container law to the Hammond Downtown Development District at the following event: Pavilion Grand Opening, July 31st, 3-8PM, at the Downtown Pavilion.

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

5. A resolution to authorize Hammond Downtown Development District to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol at the following event: Hot August Stroll, August 23rd, 8AM-8PM, the event boundaries are E. and W. Robert St, N. and S. Cherry St, E. and W. Coleman Ave, and N. and S. Magnolia St, and include Railroad Park, the 100 block of W Charles near Cate Square Park, and Cate Square Park.

Michelle Kendall, explained the event.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second **Councilman Leon** to authorize Hammond Downtown Development District to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol at the following event: Hot August Stroll, August 23rd, 8AM-8PM, the event boundaries are E. and W. Robert St, N. and S. Cherry St, E. and W. Coleman Ave, and N. and S. Magnolia St, and include Railroad Park, the 100 block of W Charles near Cate Square Park, and Cate Square Park.

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

6. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container law to the Hammond Downtown Development District at the following event: Hot August Stroll, August 23rd, 8AM-8PM, the event boundaries are E. and W. Robert St, N. and S. Cherry St, E. and W. Coleman Ave, and N. and S. Magnolia St, and include Railroad Park, the 100 block of W Charles near Cate Square Park, and Cate Square Park. (Michelle Kendall)

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second **Councilman DiVittorio** to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container law to the Hammond Downtown Development District at the following event: Hot August Stroll, August 23rd, 8AM-8PM, the event boundaries are E. and W. Robert St, N. and S. Cherry St, E. and W. Coleman Ave, and N. and S. Magnolia St, and include Railroad Park, the 100 block of W Charles near Cate Square Park, and Cate Square Park.

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

7. A resolution to authorize We Didn't Planet LLC to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol at the following events: Planet in the Park, June 7th, August 9th, 11AM-6PM, at Cate Square Park

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilwoman Gonzales** to remove from the agenda the resolution to authorize We Didn't Planet LLC to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol at the following events: Planet in the Park, June 7th, August 9th, 11AM-6PM, at Cate Square Park

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

8. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container law to We Didn't Planet LLC at the following events: Planet in the Park, June 7th, August 9th, 11AM-6PM, at Cate Square Park. There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilman DiVittorio** to remove from the agenda the resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container law to We Didn't Planet LLC at the following events: Planet in the Park, June 7th, August 9th, 11AM-6PM, at Cate Square Park.

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

9. A resolution to ratify and reject all bids received for "Hammond Community Center Addition." **Charles Borchers IV**, explained that all bides were over budget with the exception of one which was under budget but had a mistake and they would not honor the price. He stated they will have to start the process over.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilman DiVittorio** to reject all bids received for "Hammond Community Center Addition."

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

10. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with *The Daily Star* to serve as the City's official journal of record from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Charles Borchers IV, explained item.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second **Councilman Wells** authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with *The Daily Star* to serve as the City's official journal of record from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

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

11. A resolution approving the City's holiday closing schedule for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. (Charles Borchers IV)

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second **Councilman Leon** approving the City's holiday closing schedule for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

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

12. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to renew a 5-year agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$445,502.88 (\$89,100.58 per year) under State Contract 4400028582 for licensing, services, including cloud storage, warranties, and upgrades for the Police Department's body cameras.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Councilman Andrews, stated there needs to be a better level of transparency.

Stanley Campbell, District 1, stated his concerns and that trust needs to be regained with body cameras and equipment should be used for its intended purpose. He asked about the police department policies and procedures and stated they were not on the website.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the process and referenced civil service.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that he supports the body cameras but he heard that they were not being used and the cameras should be used and he asked about the consequences of not using them.

Pam Haynes, asked does the cameras have to be renewed for 5 years because of how technology is changing.

Charles Borchers, explained that the contract includes upgrades.

Tracy Wells, Mooney Ave, asked if they could use the IT Department and that there were questions that still needed to be answered.

Councilman Wells, stated that he wanted to look at the cameras in Mooney Park and Clark Park. He stated thtat they need to get control of the gun violence and the cameras need to be working in the parks.

Councilman Andrews, stated there needs to be transparency and accountability.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilman Wells** to table a resolution authorizing the Mayor to renew a 5-year agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$445,502.88 (\$89,100.58 per year) under State Contract 4400028582 for licensing, services, including cloud storage, warranties, and upgrades for the Police Department's body cameras.

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

13. A resolution to ratify proposals received for "Mooney Avenue Park Splash Pad" (RFP 25-11) and award a contract in the amount of \$123,000 to the lowest responsive and responsible proposer, Francise Horticultural Services pending concurrence from the State Land and Water Conservation Fund Program.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Councilwoman Gonzales left the meeting

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilman Wells** to ratify proposals received for "Mooney Avenue Park Splash Pad" (RFP 25-11) and award a contract in the amount of \$123,000 to the lowest responsive and responsible proposer, Francise Horticultural Services pending concurrence from the State Land and Water Conservation Fund Program.

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

14. A resolution to appoint Nicolas LeBlanc to the Hammond Historic District Commission for the remainder of a 4-year term ending December 31, 2028. Mr. LeBlanc will be completing the term of Brandon Recotta, who has stepped down after being reappointed to the Commission in December 2024. **Heather Diebold**, Hammond Historic District, presented information on Mr. LeBlanc.

Councilwoman Gonzales, returned to the meeting

Mr. LeBlanc was present to answer questions.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilman DiVittorio** to appoint Nicolas LeBlanc to the Hammond Historic District Commission for the remainder of a 4-year term ending December 31, 2028.

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

15. A resolution supporting the submission of a \$10,000 application to the Louisiana Main Street Restoration Grant Program for improvements to the Levy Building.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the needed work.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilwoman Gonzales** supporting the submission of a \$10,000 application to the Louisiana Main Street Restoration Grant Program for improvements to the Levy Building.

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

16. A Resolution to request an Attorney General Opinion Regarding Guns in City Parks and Recreation Areas.

Councilman Andrews, explained that he is concerned about the guns in the park.

Stanley Campbell, thanked the administration and police for removing guns from the community. He stated that there was a huge uptick in violent crimes in our area and we need to reduce the gun violence. He shared information about a community youth event on May 20th in Amite to try and reduce gun violence.

Councilman Wells, expressed his concerns and stated that no one should carry guns in the parks.

Jacqueline Taylor, expressed her concerns and stated we got to do better.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second Councilman Wells to request an Attorney General Opinion Regarding Guns in City Parks and Recreation Areas.

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

17. A resolution to approve the engagement of Deborah Villio to represent the City of Hammond and its employees in cases where there is conflict of interest with the City attorney's representation.

Andre Coudrain, explained the item.

Stanley Campbell, District 1, asked about the cost to the city.

Councilman Wells, asked about her ability to be present at court appearances.

Andre Coudrain, explained that she has other attorney's in her office.

Councilman Wells, asked what was done in the past.

Andre Coudrain, explained the process and what was done previously.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second Councilman Leon to approve the engagement of Deborah Villio to represent the City of Hammond and its employees in cases where there is conflict of interest with the City attorney's representation.

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: stated that selling alcohol in the parks is not a good idea. He asked that they think about it. He stated the that downtown is doing well and businesses are doing well, but the crowds are getting bigger and harder to control. He expressed his concern about events in the streets and he thinks that after dark event should be shutting down.

Councilwoman Gonzales asked about the process according to the Municode. She stated that she thinks that it is up to the Mayor to make the decision about the item coming to the council.

Mayor stated that times are changing and can get worse.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about the process, something with the Mayor giving his blessing for the people/organization to come to the council. She thinks that before it comes to the city council it needs to be approved by the Mayor according to the code.

Andre Coudrain City Attorney, stated that the Mayor has the authority to approve but it doesn't speak to what happens if he denies it and can they appeal to the council. He stated that generally you can't have alcohol in parks unless there is a special permit.

Mayor, spoke of stopping events at 8pm and nothing good happens after 12:00 am. After dark people can disperse and go into the businesses.

Council:

Councilman Wells, stated he hope that something can be done about the bars closing at 12 am because they have issues. He stated they need to start shutting the bars and restaurants at 12:00 am. He thanked the city council and stated he would like to go see the cameras/monitors.

Mayor, stated the City of Ruston which has two universities close to it shuts down the bars at 12:00 am.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the drainage behind the Hammond Housing Authority, water backing up in the property behind it off of Timberlane.

Councilman Andrews, asked for an update on Martin Luther King Park.

Charles Borchers, gave an update.

Councilman Andrews, asked for a flood study update.

Charles Borchers, gave an update

Councilman Andrews, thanked Andrew for assisting him with an issue in his district regarding, rehab homes. Congratulated Councilwoman Gonzales on her award.

X . ADJOURN

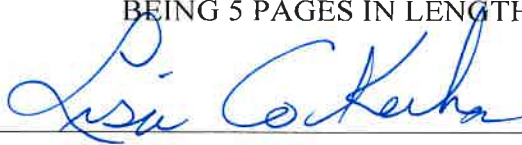
There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilwoman Gonzales** to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
May 27, 2025
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING

1. An ordinance to approve a request by Unita Gay Andrews to rename East Hoover Street to Holton Hill Lane. The street is located in District 1. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval 3-0.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Unita Gay Andrews, explained the reason for the request.

Beverly Brumfield Maryland, stated she is not in favor of the request and stated that the procedures were not followed. She read letters from people she said were opposed to the request.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
May 27, 2025**

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (P) Councilwoman Gonzales (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 May 13, 2025 Meeting

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to approve the minutes of May 13, 2025.

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:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve a request by Unita Gay Andrews to rename East Hoover Street to Holton Hill Lane. The street is located in District 1. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval 3-0.

Sal Nicolosi, 3607 Hwy 190 west, asked about the notice to owners and stated he was in support of the request if the procedures were correct.

Beverly Maryland, opposed the request.

Unita Gay Andrews, explained her family contribution to the area.

Stella Matthews, 403 2nd Ave, approved the renaming of the street and is in support of the request.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilwoman Gonzales** to adopt an ordinance to approve a request by Unita Gay Andrews to rename East Hoover Street to Holton Hill Lane. The street is located in District 1. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval 3-0.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (Abstain) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion approved 3-0

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance request by Kyle Bratton for a Major Subdivision at 1406 South Holly Street, located in District 2.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilwoman Gonzales** to introduce an ordinance request by Kyle Bratton for a Major Subdivision at 1406 South Holly Street, located in District 2.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (abstain) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion approved 3-0

2. Introduction of an ordinance request by Jason Aycock for Annexation of 17028 East Iowa Street into Hammond city limits. Property will in annexed into District 1. (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilwoman Gonzales** to introduce an ordinance request by Jason Aycock for Annexation of 17028 East Iowa Street into Hammond city limits. Property will annexed into District 1

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

3. Introduction of an ordinance request by Treg Gibson for Annexation of Caroline Drive into Hammond city limits. Property will be annexed into District 1. (Charles Borchers)

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilman Leon** to introduce an ordinance request by Treg Gibson for Annexation of Caroline Drive into Hammond city limits. Property will be annexed into District 1.

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

4. Introduction of an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding Alcoholic Beverages in City Parks.

Councilman Andrews, explained the reasons for the ordinance.

Michelle Kendall, Downtown Development Director asked what problems are looking to be resolved and asked what areas does it cover.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, explain the ordinance provisions.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated she has some hesitation about it and it should be further discussed.

Sal Nicolosi, stated he was in support of the ordinance.

Chloe Bishop, stated they should be looking at deeper issues.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilman DiVittorio** to introduce an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding Alcoholic Beverages in City Parks.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to renew a 5-year agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$445,502.88 (\$89,100.58 per year) under State Contract 4400028582 for licensing, services, including cloud storage, warranties, and upgrades for the Police Department's body cameras.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item and clarified some of the questions people previously asked.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated he had a problem with accountability of officers not using cameras. He also asked about the councilman having to put in public records requests.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, recommended that any request from council members be sent to Charles Borchers or the Mayor.

Councilman Andrews, stated that he was still looking for information.

Stanley Campbell, District 1, stated there needs to be more transparency on body cameras and there needs to be consequences when they are not used.

Sal Nicolosi, asked why upgrades are needed.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second **Councilwoman Gonzales** authorizing the Mayor to renew a 5-year agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$445,502.88 (\$89,100.58 per year) under State Contract 4400028582 for licensing, services, including cloud storage, warranties, and upgrades for the Police Department's body cameras.

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

2. Review and consider the timeliness of the appeal request by Guy's I, LLC.

Heather Diebold, Director of Hammond Historic District, stated she reserves the issue of timeliness, and asked the council to defer to the issue to the merits of the appeal.

Councilwoman Gonzales, thinks the council should clarify time lines for appeal and the language of the ordinance.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, stated the council can defer the issue of timeliness to the appeal on the merits and make a motion to defer action on item no.2 and refer it to be considered under item no. 3

Darryl Smith, GuyI, LLC., asked about the process and time frame of his appeal.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, explained the process.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to defer action on item no.2 to review and consider the timeliness of the appeal request by Guy's I, LLC and refer to item no. 2 be considered under item no. 3.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (abstain) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion to defer approved 3-0

3. Review and consider appeal by Guy's I, LLC of the decision of the Hammond Historic District Commission to assess a fine related to multiple maintenance violations.

Heather Diebold, Director of Hammond Historic District, explained the item and action on the Historice District Commission.

Darryl Smith, Guy I, LLC., asked that the issues be tabled until the 2nd City Council meeting in June.

Jessica Shirey, Chairman of Historic District Commission, stated that they followed the commissions standards for maintenance and found violations.

Michael Holly, member of the commission stated that this has to do with maintaining the building,

Sal Nicolosi, stated they should get this settled.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to deny the appeal by Guy's I, LLC of the decision of the Hammond Historic District Commission to assess a fine related to multiple maintenance violations.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (abstain) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion to deny the appeal approved 3-0

NEW BUSINESS

1. A resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of cameras for the Jail from/by American Integration Contractors for the sum of \$36,169.83 under State Contract 4400029433.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** authorizing the purchase and installation of cameras for the Jail from/by American Integration Contractors for the sum of \$36,169.83 under State Contract 4400029433.

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

2. A resolution to authorize We Didn't Planet LLC to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol at the following events: Planet in the Park, June 7th, August 9th, 11AM-6PM, at Cate Square Park.

Alec Griffith, explained the event.

Michelle Kendell, spoke in support in of the item.

Sal Nicolosi, opposes the item.

Tina Latini, she is the alcohol caterer for the event and is in support of the item.

Councilwoman Gonzales, suggested approving the June 7th date only at this time.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to approve June 7th only, We Didn't Planet LLC to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol at the following events: Planet in the Park, June 7th, 11AM-6PM, at Cate Square Park.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (abstain). Motion approved 3-0

3. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container law to We Didn't Planet LLC at the following events: Planet in the Park, June 7th, August 9th, 11AM-6PM, at Cate Square Park.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container law to We Didn't Planet LLC at the following event: June 7th only, Planet in the Park, June 7th, 11AM-6PM, at Cate Square Park.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (abstain). Motion approved 3-0

4. A resolution authorizing the purchase of 50 portable radios for Hammond police officers from L3Harris for the sum of \$112,050 under State Contract 4400028992. The City's 2 Justice Assistance Grants (Projects 22503 and 22504) will cover \$31,890 of the purchase. The Police Department will cover the remaining \$80,160.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** authorizing the purchase of 50 portable radios for Hammond police officers from L3Harris for the sum of \$112,050 under State Contract 4400028992. The City's 2 Justice Assistance Grants (Projects 22503 and 22504) will cover \$31,890 of the purchase. The Police Department will cover the remaining \$80,160.

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

5. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$27,050 grant application to 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 and 2) supporting a \$10,820 cash match from the Historic District and the Grant Match Fund.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item and stated it was a 60/40 grant.



There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales 1) supporting the submission of a \$27,050 grant application to 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 and 2) supporting a \$10,820 cash match from the Historic District and the Grant Match Fund.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Absent), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 3-0

6. A resolution to ratify bids received for "Construct Corporate Hangars - Phase I" (RFB 25-13) and award a contract in the amount of \$686,376.40 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Harper Metal Building Services, pending concurrence from the State Capital Outlay Section.

Charles Borchers IV, explained item.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to ratify bids received for "Construct Corporate Hangars - Phase I" (RFB 25-13) and award a contract in the amount of \$686,376.40 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Harper Metal Building Services, pending concurrence from the State Capital Outlay Section.

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: June 7, Zemurry Park fishing rodeo from 8am to 1pm.

Charles Borchers, presented a report on water, sewer, garbage collection rates.

Council:

Budget work session, Friday in Council Chamber beginning 8:30 am.

X. ADJOURN

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second Councilman Leon to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
June 10, 2025
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING

1. An ordinance request by Kyle Bratton for a Major Subdivision at 1406 South Holly Street, located in District 2.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Kyle Bratton, Independence, was present to answer questions.

2. An ordinance request by Jason Aycock for Annexation of 17028 East Iowa Street into Hammond city limits that will be zoned RS-3 which allows single-family homes to be built. (Will be District 1).

Charles Borchers, explained the item

Jason Aycock, Ponchatoula, explained his plans for the property.

Reginald Seals, stated that his property was adjacent to the request and he asked what is the procedure for annexing property into the city.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated this was in her district and she has spoken to some of the residents.

3. An ordinance request by Treg Gibson for Annexation of Caroline Drive into Hammond city limits that will be zoned RS-11.A, which allows for mobile homes. District 1.

Charles Borchers explained the item.

Treg Gibson, Hammond, owner was present to answer questions.

4. An ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding Alcoholic Beverages in City Parks.

Councilman Andrews, stated he attended a meeting regarding the above item and will allow for comments.

Michelle Kendall, Downtown Development Director, thanked Councilman Andrews and Gonzales for attending the meeting that they hosted. She would like to see an exemption for the parks located within the downtown district.

Councilman Andrews made a motion to table item until the June 24, 2025 meeting. All were in agreement to table.

5. An ordinance adopt the City of Hammond's budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.(Charles Borchers)

Councilman Andrews asked that this item be tabled until the June 24, 2025 meeting. There will be a meeting on Tuesday June 17, 2025 at 9:00 am to discuss the budget and again to iron out any issues. All were in agreement to table.



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REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
June 10, 2025
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Wells (P) Councilman DiVittorio (P) Councilwoman Gonzales (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 May 27, 2025 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the minutes of May 27, 2025.

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

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

VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance request by Kyle Bratton for a Major Subdivision at 1406 South Holly Street, located in District 2. (Charles Borchers)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt an ordinance request by Kyle Bratton for a Major Subdivision at 1406 South Holly Street, located in District 2.

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

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

2. Final adoption of an ordinance request by Jason Aycock for Annexation of 17028 East Iowa Street into Hammond city limits that will be zoned RS-3 which allows single-family homes to be built. (Will be District 1).

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to adopt an ordinance request by Jason Aycock for Annexation of 17028 East Iowa Street into Hammond city limits that will be zoned RS-3 which allows single-family homes to be built.

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

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

3. Final adoption of an ordinance request by Treg Gibson for Annexation of Caroline Drive into Hammond city limits that will be zoned RS-11.A, which allows for mobile homes.(Will be District 1. (Charles Borchers)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to adopt an ordinance request by Treg Gibson for Annexation of Caroline Drive into Hammond city limits that will be zoned RS-11.A, which allows for mobile homes. (Will be District 1.

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

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

4. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding Alcoholic Beverages in City Parks. (Councilman Andrews)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to table the adoption of an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding Alcoholic Beverages in City Parks.

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

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

5. Final adoption of an ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond's budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.(Charles Borchers)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to table an ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond's budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

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

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

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances Regarding Prohibition on Persons Under the Age of 21 in Stand-Alone Bars and Nightclubs.

Councilman Andrews, explained the ordinance.

Patrick Billings ownwer of the Brown Door Bar, opposed the item.

Dan Lambert, Cate Street Bar, opposed the item.

Councilman Wells, stated that he is not award of any problems downtown. There are problems with the young people and a problem with the police chief.

Kevin Johnson, college student, opposed the item and expressed his concerns.

Councilman Leon, stated that he's not sure an ordinance is the way to handle this. He thinks there are other avenues to correct problems or challenges.His thoughts are to get law informant, ATF, bars and community involved. He believes an ordinance will be nearly impossible to enforce.

Stanley Campbell, District 1, asked if something was already on the books that could be enforced or ordinance that can be enforced. He aske a question of the bar owners, what type of restrictions are they taking on for people under the age of 21 having alcohol. What would cause them to not be able to go to the bar to purchase a drink.

Dan Lambert, bar owner explained the process they use at his bar. He stated the police department does a good job.

Stanley Campbell District 1, he asked why is the police chief not present to provide the council with some input.

Mayor Panepinto, state that the Police have a relationship with the bars and they do a good job. He stated they are being proactive and getting people off the street. He wasn't asked to be present at this meeting.

Stanley Campbell, District 1, asked if the Police Chief could be at the next meeting.

Michelle Kendall, Downtown Development District, talked about crowd control and the police force handling that. She also talked about permitting their businesses, if they are hosting additional entertainment. It will help all the businesses if they had a permitting process.

Mayor Panepinto, stated communication is key.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman Wells** to introduce an ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances Regarding Prohibition on Persons Under the Age of 21 in Stand-Alone Bars and Nightclubs.

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

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

2. Introduction of an ordinance to levy the following millage rates, but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rates, on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the Year 2025 and to use the revenue collected from each millage only for the specific purpose(s) for which that millage was levied:

Millage:

	Adjusted Rate.....	2025 Levy
General Alimony, General Fund.....	8.730 Mills.....	9.040 Mills
Fire/Police.....	9.650 Mills.....	10.000 Mills
Public Works.....	1.930 Mills.....	2.000 Mills
Total.....	20.310 Mills.....	21.040 Mills

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to introduce an ordinance to levy the following millage rates, but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rates, on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the Year 2025 and to use the revenue collected from each millage only for the specific purpose(s) for which that millage was levied:

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

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

3. Introduction of an ordinance to adopt the following adjusted millage rates, levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Hammond for the Year 2025, for the purpose of raising revenue::

Millage:

General Alimony, General Funds (5207001).....	8.730 Mills
Fire/Police (5207002).....	9.650 Mills
Public Works (5207003).....	1.930 Mills
Total.....	20.310 Mills (Charles Borchers)

Councilman Wells left the meeting

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Stanley Campbell, District 1, asked how does this compare to similar municipalities of our size.

Charles Borchers, explains.

Jan Labbe, Whitmore Dr, asked a question about the assesement of houses in her subdivision.

Councilman Wells returns to meeting

Councilman Leon, stated he would speak with the assessor and get back to her.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to introduce an ordinance adopt the following adjusted millage rates, levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Hammond for the Year 2025, for the purpose of raising revenue::

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Total.....	20.310 Mills

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 adjusting the rates for City water and sewer services.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

David Hyde, 504 S. Cherry Street, expressed his concerns regarding a neighbor flushing thing into the sewer storm drains and going into the city water supply.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if he reported this and he stated that he called people.

Mayor, stated that they are on it and if he has pictures, that would help.

Councilman Andrews, stated that the council person should be notified when something is brought to the city's administration regarding issues going on in their communities. The city should notify the council person.

Councilman Wells, stated that it's time to clean up stuff. He stated that the department heads needs to be at the city council meetings to hear the constituents concerns.

Stanley Campbell, District 1, stated that if there is evidence, is this a DEQ violation.

Mayor Panepinto, stated all that parties that need to be notified have been notified.

Councilman Wells, stated they need to be notified of what's going on in the city and if it has been resolved.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman Wells** to introduce an ordinance adjusting the rates for City water and sewer services.

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

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

5. Introduction of an ordinance adjusting the fee for garbage collection in the City of Hammond.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Councilman Wells asked if they looked into something for senior citizens and people on a fixed income.

Charles Borchers, stated the fairest way to assess the increase is based on usage

Stanley Campbell, asked if this item would affect the budget 2025-2026.

Charles Borchers, stated that it would affect the new fiscal year.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to introduce an ordinance adjusting the fee for garbage collection in the City of Hammond.

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

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to Ratify and award bids received 05/22/2025 for "Minnesota Park Concrete Street Improvements"--project no. 420-12515.

Jay C. Pittman, Spangler Engineering, explained the item. He recommend the award to Arbor Construction in the low bid amount of \$421,960.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman Wells** to Ratify and award bids received 05/22/2025 for "Minnesota Park Concrete Street Improvements"--project no. 420-12515.

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

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

2. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Peregrine Corporation for Utility Billing Services in the approximate annual amount of \$60,060.00.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about the yearly cost on the proposal.

Charles Borchers, explained the cost.

Councilman Wells, asked how much it will cost for in house. He asked if there is anyway that a note can be put on the water bill when the garbage company is not running.

Charles Borchers, stated he will look into it. Charles also stated that the finance director said to do this service in house is almost double.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with Peregrine Corporation for Utility Billing Services in the approximate annual amount of \$60,060.00.

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

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

3. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to renew service agreement with Mission Communications for software services in the amount of \$26,108.00.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman Leon** to authorize the the Mayor to renew service agreement with Mission Communications for software services in the amount of \$26,108.00.

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

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

4. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of an application for up to \$10,000 to the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Beautification Grant Program for plantings and landscaping around the gazebo in Cate Square Park; and 2) supporting a 15% in-match kind in volunteer hours.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Councilman Andrews, asked if there were other grants that are available under the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Beautification Grant Program for other projects.

Charles Borchers, stated yes and he explained.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales 1) supporting the submission of an application for up to \$10,000 to the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Beautification Grant Program for plantings and landscaping around the gazebo in Cate Square Park; and 2) supporting a 15% in-match kind in volunteer hours.

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

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

5. A resolution ratifying and rejecting all bids received for "Mooney Avenue Park Pavilions" (RFB 25-12) for nonresponsiveness.

Charles Borchers IV, explained item.

Councilman Wells, asked why they couldn't sit down and talk about this.

Charles Borchers, explained that the grant was received in 2021 and explained what has been done.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells ratifying and rejecting all bids received for "Mooney Avenue Park Pavilions" (RFB 25-12) for nonresponsiveness.

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

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: Successful fishing tournament fishing in Zemurray Park.

Council:

Councilman Wells, asked about the garbage collector picking up the can for seniors from their driveways but leaving them by the street and not putting them back.

Charles Borchers, stated he would look into it.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the grass on Robinwood Drive, near 150 Robinwood Dr. Who needs to cut it.

Councilman Andrews, thanked the city employees that he met with last week, especially code enforcement, Planning and Zoning office and Carolyn the finance director to answer some questions he had.

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

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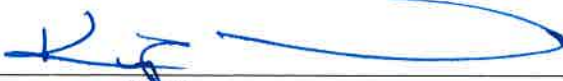
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
June 24, 2025
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING

1. An ordinance to adopt the following adjusted millage rates, levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Hammond for the Year 2025, for the purpose of raising revenue::

Millage:

General Alimony, General Funds (5207001).....	8.730 Mills
Fire/Police (5207002).....	9.650 Mills
Public Works (5207003).....	1.930 Mills
Total.....	20.310 Mills

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

No public comment

2. An ordinance to levy the following millage rates, but not in excess of the prior year’s maximum rates, on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the Year 2025 and to use the revenue collected from each millage only for the specific purpose(s) for which that millage was levied:

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Total.....	20.310 Mills.....	21.040 Mills

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Councilman Wells entered the meeting

No public comment

3. An ordinance adjusting the rates for City water and sewer services.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Councilman Wells, asked what can be done for senior citizens.

Charles Borchers, explained that the fees are based on usage and that is the fairest way to adjust the water and sewer.

No public comment

4. An ordinance adjusting the fee for garbage collection in the City of Hammond.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Louise Bostic, asked about comparative cost and on a montly bill and hardship for lw income citizens.

Councilman Wells, asked about the current garbage rates and contract.

Tracy Wells, Hammond, stated that they should have notified seniors about a possible rate increase. She doesn’t think the city did a good job to notify seniors of garbage and water increase, and she is concerned about people on a fixed income.

Lori Henderson, District 3, suggested that garbage be paid every 3 months.

5. An ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond’s budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Charles Borchers, stated there were a number of amendments discussed during budget work sessions and this is our last opportunity to approve our budget for FY 26..

Councilwoman Gonzales, explained that she created a copy of proposed amendments that was discussed and a few changes by recommendations. The current budget amendments would create a balance budget.

Councilman Wells, asked about Natchez drainage improvements and sidewalks.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that the item was #34 on the list she provided.

Councilman Wells, passed around pictures of a sidewalk on a canal bank and he stated that the sidewalk should not have been taken place. He stated that they have at least fifteen people in wheelchairs in his neighborhood that has to ride in the street. He stated that they need sidewalks. The engineer didn’t meet with him and they never talked about.

Mr. Reid, stated the sidewalks in the neighborhood are bad and they need sidewalks.

Councilman Wells, stated that when he asks for a sidewalk it is needed. District 3 needs sidewalks today.

6. An ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances Regarding Prohibition on Persons Under the Age of 21 in Stand-Alone Bars and Nightclubs.

Councilman Andrews, thanked the bar owners for the meeting they had and that law enforcement reached out to him and asked him to consider

There was a motion by councilman Andrews to table the item and a second by councilman DiVittorio. Vote: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Leon (N) Councilwoman Gonzales (abstain) Motion to table 3-1

7. An ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding Alcoholic Beverages in City Parks.

Councilman Andrews, explained the item.

Melissa Griffin, Hammond Regional Arts, asked the council to reconsider the ordinance.

Councilman Andrews, stated this would not apply to Railroad Park or Morrison Park.

John Exnicious, Chairman of Downtown Development District, stated the ordinance will affect the DDD community and cultural events and asked that all of the parks within the Downtown Development District be exempt from this ordinance in the event that it does pass.

Councilwoman Gonzales, proposed a change to which prohibition may be temporarily waved for parks located within the boundries of the Downtown Development District for civic and nonprofits.

Pam Haynes, asked that they reconsider because downtown with alcohol things can happen.

Tina Latino, Benny's Place, emphasized being a responsible alcohol vendor and downtown parks should be exempt and they should work together.

Dan Lambert, Cate Street Pub, stated the problem is people having parties and selling alcohol without a permit. He stated that there hasn't been a problem with alcohol in the parks.

Matthew Hughes, 210 W. Robert St, stated he and his mother enjoy the parks and asked that Cate Street Park be excluded.

Guy- stated his comment pertains to any of the parks, people are loitering in the parks, there are drugs in the parks and those problems needs to be fixed. They need to monitor and fix things as they happen and let the community talk.

Edwin Bergeron, Police Chief, asked about the penalty and stated they should consider the penalty for alcohol in the parks.

Mayor, asked the chief to address the how they monitor and get into the parks when people are doing things.

Edwin Bergeron, stated when they receive complaints or concerns they sent someone. They have had some complaints in some parks.

Councilman Wells, stated he wants a clean park and has been asking for a long time. He stated you can't separate one park from the rest of the parks. He doesn't want drinking or smoking in the park.

Benny Latino Jr., stated he has never had a problem at his bar.

Len Petz, E. Robert St, stated that the parks are for everyone and he doesn't think there is a problem with alcohol in the parks.

Councilman Andrews, stated that by him putting it on the table they will have a good solution at the end of it. He talked about the phone calls and threats that were made. He explained why he decided to table the items.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION AGENDA
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA**

June 24, 2025

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Andrews

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of June 10, 2025 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Wells to approve the minutes of June 10, 2025.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (absent) Councilwoman Gonzales (absent) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion approved 3-0

VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to levy the following millage rates, but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rates, on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the Year 2025 and to use the revenue collected from each millage only for the specific purpose(s) for which that millage was levied:

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There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to adopt an ordinance to levy the following millage rates, but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rates, on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the Year 2025 and to use the revenue collected from each millage only for the specific purpose(s) for which that millage was levied:

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

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to adopt the following adjusted millage rates, levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Hammond for the Year 2025, for the purpose of raising revenue::

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There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to adopt an ordinance the following adjusted millage rates, levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the corporate limits of the City of Hammond for the Year 2025, for the purpose of raising revenue:

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

3. Final adoption of an ordinance adjusting the rates for City water and sewer services.

Charles Borchers IV, explained that a study was performed last year and the city is obligated to adopt the new rates.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked when was the last time there was an increase in the rates.

Charles Borchers stated about 8 years ago.

Councilman Andrews, requested that there be at least a 60 day grace period to give people time to make the adjustment, instead of July 1 move the start date to September 1.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to adopt an ordinance adjusting the rates for City water and sewer services with a 60 day effective date and grace period from July 1st to Sept 1st and communication information be sent of rate .

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

4. Final adoption of an ordinance adjusting the fee for garbage collection in the City of Hammond.

Charles Borchers IV, explained item.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to adopt an ordinance adjusting the fee for garbage collection in the City of Hammond with a 60 day effective date and a grace period from July 1st to Sept 1st and communication information be sent of the rate increase.

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

5. Final adoption of an ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond's budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Charles Borchers, stated we have a list of amendments that Councilwoman Gonzales compiled from our two work sessions and he recommended that they start with that list of amendment because it encapsulates all of the amendments that have been proposed.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated this list combines what everyone has asked for. She stated this is not her list.

Councilman Steve Leon, asked if all the items from the list would lead to a balance budget.

Charles Borchers, stated that was his understanding.

Mayor, stated this is a very close budget, leaving about \$100,000 in the general fund. He think it's excessive but it is a balance budget. He doesn't agree with it.

Councilman DiVittorio asked questions about the email with attachments. He stated he never talked to Chuck about Cecilia Street , the drainage has already been done and he had a question.

Deborah Swenson, asked that Districts be added to the list of budget items.

Councilwoman Gonzales read off the list of budget items.

Stanley Campbell, District one asked about the items.

Charles Borchers, explained the items.

Councilman Wells, asked that before raised are given out can it come before the council.

Tracy Wells, asked for clarity for Item #6.

Edwin Bergeron, Hammond Police Chief stated item #6 is for two additional officers downtown.

Pam Haynes, asked about #5 of the budget items.

Stanley Campbell, District 1, asked about item #6 and the number of officers.

Edwin Bergeron, Police Chief, explained.

Councilman Wells, asked about the patrols and paid security.

Tracy Wells, asked about item # 9, if we are anticipating hiring a permanent person.

Councilwoman Gonzales, read item # 10 and stated it wasn't in the original budget.

Councilman Wells, stated to take it out, Item #10

Pam Haynes, asked about Item #18

Councilman Wells, was asking about sidewalks and stated that the engineer didn't meet with him. In District 3 they don't have a complete block with a sidewalk where someone can ride or walk. He is asking for sidewalks and no one talked to him about sidewalks.

Councilman Wells, from Natchez to Lovett the sidewalk leads to nowhere and was picked by the engineer. He stated he pushed this sidewalk back to get another one that connects.

Carlos Williams, Hammond, asked about a project in Woodbridge.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated it should be in the budget.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked Councilman Wells if they are to leave of #26 of the sheet that was itemized with the items.

Councilman Wells, stated not to do #26

Councilwoman Gonzales asked if anyone had any additions or changes to the proposed amendment before they go through and vote on them.

Councilman Wells, asked the finance director what the budget looks like.

Carolyn Howard, Finance Director, gave an update and explained.

Councilman Andrews, stated as revenue increases they can pick up items that has been put on hold.

Councilman Wells, expressed his concern about how they are going to vote. He doesn't want to vote on each item.

Stanley Campbell, stated he thought they were agreed on the items by doing line item by line item.

Councilman Wells, doesn't want to vote on items individually he's concerned that his items would be vetoed.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, explained that each of these are line items within the budget and they are amending the budget to address these line items and under the Charter the Mayor has line item veto. He recommend that the go item by item. Whether they are addressed one by one or all together it doesn't change the veto process.

Debra Swenson, Woodbridge, expressed her appreciation of the drainage projects in the Woodbridge Subdivision.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about Ruland, Scanlan and Richardson St. are not on the sheet that was printed out to move to FY27

Councilwoman Gonzales, explained

Councilman DiVittorio, stated he wants to see those amendments on FY27, he also asked about the Blackburn extension. Asked to make an amendment to move Ruland, Scanlan and Richardson to FY26 & FY27.

Councilman Andrews, suggested that the go through the items one by one.

The Council proceeded to address the following items;

1. Increase airport rent and royalties to \$471,400 and increase fuel sales \$412,601.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to amend the budget and approve the above item.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
2. Increase council clerk salary to \$45,000 plus benefits for increase to budget of \$11,374.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget and approve the above item.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
3. Adjust civil service clerk salary to decrease to half for a reduction of \$17,795.50.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget and adjust civil service clerk salary to decrease to half for a reduction of \$17,795.50.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
4. There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to amend the budget to increase Human Resources consulting services to add \$5000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
5. Increase HR salary for Jaquelin Browder due to her not retiring until the end of FY26 to add \$48,500.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to increase HR salary for Jaquelin Browder due to her not retiring until the end of FY26 to add \$48,500.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
6. Remove \$101,072 from police patrol salaries and wages to remove two new patrol officers.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to remove \$101,072 from police patrol salaries and wages to remove two new patrol officers.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 3-2
7. Remove \$178,569 from firefighting salaries and wages to remove three new firefighter positions.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to remove three new firefighter positions.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1

8. Remove \$56,831 from building for vacant code enforcement officer.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to remove \$56,831 from building for vacant code enforcement officer.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 3-2
9. Remove \$120,166 from building official payroll due to Robert Morgan being contract labor.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to remove \$120,166 from building official payroll due to Robert Morgan being contract labor.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
10. Increase salary for garage to add vacant mechanic position increase \$54,533.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Leon** to amend the budget to increase salary for garage to add vacant Mechanic position increase \$54,533.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (N). Motion Approved 4-1
11. Increase salary for recreation department \$13,900.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Leon** to amend the budget to increase the salary for recreation department \$13,900.
Deborah Swenson, they are doing a great job.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
12. Increase sales tax revenue by \$1,000,000.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to increase sales tax revenue by \$1,000,000. .
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1
13. Remove Parks and Grounds capital request of Kubota K- reduction of \$53,415.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to remove Parks and Grounds capital request of Kubota K- reduction of \$53,415.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
14. Remove Parks and Grounds capital request of Mausoleum lift -reduction of \$28,899.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to remove Parks and Grounds capital request of Kubota K- reduction of \$53,415.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 3-2
15. Remove Streets Department capital request of Bucket truck-reduction of \$119,900.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to remove Streets Department capital request of bucket truck- reduction of \$119,900.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1
16. Remove Building Department capital request of new bays -reduction of \$95,000.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to remove Building Department capital request of new bays- reduction of \$95,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1
17. Add Building Department capital request of fence to Blackburn Rd lot -increase of \$22,000.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to add Building Department capital request of fence to Blackburn Rd lot- increase of \$22,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
18. Add airport capital request for infrastructure improvements- increase of \$270,000.
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Leon** to amend the budget to add airport capital request for infrastructure improvements- increase of \$270,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

19. Water and Sewer – move up Monistere Lane sewer improvement from FY28 to FY 26- increase of \$450,000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to move up Monistere Lane sewer improvement from FY 28 to FY 26- increase of \$450,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 3-2
20. Under sidewalks- push back Mississippi St (Natchez to Lovett) from FY26 to FY29 decrease of \$150,000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to push back Mississippi St (Natchez to Lovett) from FY26 to FY29 decrease of \$150,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
21. Under sidewalks- add project for Natchez Phase I (Live Oak to Mississippi) for FY 26-Increase of \$45,000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to add project for Natchez Phase I (Live Oak to Mississippi) from FY26 Increase of \$45,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
22. Under sidewalks- add project for Natchex phase II (Mississippi St. to Palmetto St.) for FY26-increase of \$136,000.
Tracy Wells, asked about moving the sidewalk up to FY26, she stated that is what was discussed at the budget work session.
Councilwoman Gonzales explained that it was based on the engineer.
- There was a motion by **Councilman Wells** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to add sidewalks project for Natchaz Phase II (Mississippi St to Palmetto St.) to FY26 for an increase of \$136,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (N), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion fails 2-3
23. Under sidewalks- move up W. Church (Linden to Maple) from FY28 to FY27 for \$325,000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to move up W. Church (Linden to Maple) from FY28 to FY27 for \$325,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
24. Under sidewalks- add project for Haskins (Louisa West to White St) for FY 26 Increase of \$46,000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to add project for Haskins (Louisa West to White St) for FY 26 Increase of \$46,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
25. Under sidewalks- add S. Magnolia St. (E. Side of Phoenix SQ) to FY27 for \$111, 000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to add S. Magnolia St. (E. Side of Phoenix SQ) to FY27 for \$111, 000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
25. Under sidewalks- revise Palmetto (Mooney to S. Morrison) to Palmetto (Mooney to Natchez) to FY27 for \$143,000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Wells** to amend the budget to revise Palmetto (Mooney to S. Morrison) to Palmetto (Mooney to Natchez) to FY27 for \$143,000.
Tracey Wells, asked that in order to get complete sidewalks , can the citizens request that drainage be put on hold for a sidewalk to be complete. She asked if the drainage can be moved to a further fiscal year and that allocation of funds be used for sidewalks instead.
Pam Haynes, she stated they can not go a complete block on the sidewalk. The kids can not play in a completed park or walk on side walks in her district.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
26. Under sidewalks- add project Old Baton Rouge Hwy. (Celia to Lakewood) Phase I Celia to Live Oak Dr for \$212,000 for FY27 and Phase II- Live Oak Dr to Lakewood for \$187,000 FY28.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Leon** to amend the budget to add project Old Baton Rouge Hwy. (Celia St. to Lakewood) Phase I Celia to Live Oak Dr for \$212,000 for FY27 and Phase II- Live Oak Dr to Lakewood for \$187,000 FY28.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

27. Under sidewalks- revise Celia St (Old Baton Rouge Hwy to W. Thomas St) to increase budget to \$95,000 for FY27.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to revise Celia St (Old Baton Rouge Hwy to W. Thomas St) to increase budget to \$95,000 for FY27.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
28. Under sidewalks- add project Hewitt Road (JW Davis – S. Magnolia) PH. I – JW Davis to Ozone Drive E for \$131,00 for FY27 and PH. II- Ozone Dr. E to S Magnolia for \$234,000 for FY27.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to add project Hewitt Road (JW Davis – S. Magnolia) PH. I – JW Davis to Ozone Drive E for \$131,000 for FY 27 and PH. II- Ozone Dr. E to S Magnolia for \$234,000 for FY27.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0
29. Under sidewalks- add project for Blackburn (Marley to Pecan) FY26 increase of \$45,000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to add project for Blackburn (Marley to Pecan) FY26 increase of \$45,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1
30. Under drainage – move up Al-Ida (Pine Hill Subd) from FY27 to FY26 – Increase of \$348,000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to move up Al-Ida (Pine Hill Subdivision) from FY27 to FY26 – Increase of \$348,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1
31. Under drainage -move up W. Charles St. to W. Robert St -enclose rear lot-canal from FY27 to FY26 increase of \$175,000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Leon** to move up W. Charles to W. Roberts and close rear lot canal from FY27 to FY26 increase of \$175,000.
Tracy Wells, stated that this item wasn't discussed during the budget session and asked where it is located.
Councilwoman Gonzales explained the location and drainage issue.
Tracy Wells, she doesn't think anything should be added if it wasn't discussed at the budget work session.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (N), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (N), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion fails 2-3
31. Under drainage – add project for Natchez Phase I (Live Oak to Mississippi St)- for sidewalks for FY26- increase \$54,000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to add project for Natchez Phase I (Live Oak to Mississippi St)- for sidewalks for FY26- increase \$54,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1
32. Under drainage – add project for Natchez Phase II (Mississippi St to Palmetto St)- for FY26 increase \$289,000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to add project for Natchez Phase II (Mississippi St to Palmetto St)- for FY26 increase \$289,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1
33. Under drainage – move up W. Church Phase II (Carter to Maple) from FY27 to FY26 -increase \$366,000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** amend the budget to move up W. Church Phase II (Carter to Maple) from FY27 to FY26 -increase \$366,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1
34. Under drainage – move up Palmetto (Mooney-Natchez) from FY27 to FY26 -increase \$381,000.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to move up Palmetto (Mooney-Natchez) from FY27 to FY26 -increase \$381,000.
Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 4-1
35. Under drainage – add project Old Baton Rouge Hwy. (Celia St to Lakewood) Phase I-Celia to Live Oak Drive for \$570,000 and Phase II (Live Oak Drive to Lakewood for \$500,000 to FY28.
 There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget add project Old Baton Rouge Hwy. (Celia St to Lakewood) Phase I-Celia to Live Oak Drive for \$570,000 and Phase II (Live Oak Drive to Lakewood for \$500,000 to FY28.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

36. Under drainage – add project JW Davis Phase 1- Coleman to Florida (eastside) to FY26-increase of \$160,000.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to add project JW Davis Phase I- Coleman to Florida (eastside) to FY26-increase of \$160,000.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

37. Under drainage – add project JW Davis Ph. II - Florida to Smith Sq. (west side) to FY26 – increase \$488,000

Councilman Andrews stated this was the one they were supposed to re-measure. He's voting no until they get the measurements.

Councilman Wells, asked can they adjust that.

Councilman Andrews, asked if this can be looked at when the funds and measurement becomes available.

He stated that he is not against the item, but when the funds become available and the correct measurement comes in then they can revisit this.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to – add project JW Davis Ph. II - Florida to Smith Sq. (west side) to FY26 – increase \$488,000.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (N), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (N). Motion fails 1-4

37. Under drainage – add project Rue Simone at Rue De La Paix to FY26-increase of \$125,000.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to add project Rue Simone at Rue De La Paix to FY26-increase of \$125,000.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

38. Under drainage-move up S. Spruce Street (north of Phoenix Sq.) from FY28 to FY26 – increase \$250,000

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to move up S. Spruce Street (north of Phoenix Sq.) from FY28 to FY26- increase of \$250,000.

Councilman Wells asked that the motion be withdrawn

Councilwoman Gonzales, withdrew the motion

No action was taken on this item

39. Under drainage – add project for Woodbridge South Outfall to FY26- increase of \$220,000.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to add project for Woodbridge South Outfall FY26- Increase of \$220,000.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

40. Under Parks-add funds for Jackson Park- increase of \$25,000.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to amend the budget to add funds for Jackson Park- increase of \$25, 000.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 3-2

41. Under Misc. paving projects-General Pershing at W. Dakota (SLU) -curb work reduce the amount from \$105,000 to \$53,000 -decrease of \$52,000.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to add paving projects-General Pershing at W. Dakota (SLU) -curb work reduce to \$53,000 - decrease of \$52,000.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

42. Under Misc. paving projects-remove W. Coleman St./ Our Daily Bread Lane Improvement-decrease \$410,000.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to remove W. Coleman St./ Our Daily Bread Lane Improvement-decrease \$410,000.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

43. Under Misc. paving projects-move up to Connect Caroline to Top Hat (include right of way) for \$105,000 from FY28 to F27.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and a second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget to move up- Connect Caroline to Top Hat (include right of way) for \$105,000 from FY28 to F27.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

44. Under drainage – move up Ruland & Scanlan (\$710,000) and Richardson & Carter (720,000) from FY28 to FY 27

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and a second by Councilman Andrews to amend the budget to– move up Ruland & Scanlan (\$710,000) and Richardson & Carter (\$720,000) from FY28 to FY 27

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

45. Under Drainage - – move up W. Charles to W. Robert - enclose rear-lot canal from FY27 to FY26 – increase \$175,000

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second Councilman Leon to reconsider this item:

Under drainage – move up W. Charles to W. Robert - enclose rear-lot canal from FY27 to FY26 – increase \$175,000

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (N), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (N), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (N). Motion fails 2-3

Councilman Andrews stated that he would like to add to the record, the following items that they put on the list as the revenue come through they will address some of the items that did not pass.

45. Under sidewalks – add project for Natchez Phase II (Mississippi St to Palmetto St.) for FY26 for increase of \$136,000. FY27.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and a second by Councilman DiVittorio to amend for increase of \$136,000.

Vote: Councilman Kip Andrews (N), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales (N), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion approved 3-2

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and Second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the budget as amended.

Votes: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

6. Final adoption of an ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances regarding prohibition on persons under the age of 21 in stand-alone bars and nightclubs. (Councilman Andrews)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and Second by Councilman DiVittorio to table an ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances regarding prohibition on persons under the age of 21 in stand-alone bars and nightclubs.

Votes: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales (abstain), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (N), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved to table 3-1

7. An ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding Alcoholic Beverages in City Parks. (Councilman Andrews)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and Second by Councilman DiVittorio to table an ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances regarding alcoholic beverages in City Parks.

Votes: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved to table 5-0

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to accept the annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention report as required by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality in the city's discharge permit for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant, Jan 2024-December 2024 (Nathan Levy)

Charles Borchers, stated Mr. Levy was present but had to leave. He will be present at the next City Council Meeting.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and Second by Councilman DiVittorio to table a resolution to accept the annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention report as required by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality in the city's discharge permit for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant, Jan 2024-December 2024

Votes: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

2. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Maintenance Agreement Including Mowing and Litter Pickup for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 between the City of Hammond and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and Second by Councilman DiVittorio for a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Maintenance Agreement Including Mowing and Litter Pickup for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 between the City of Hammond and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Votes: Councilman Kip Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Councilman Sam DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Steve Leon (Y), Councilman Devon Wells (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: No Report

Council:

Councilman Andrews, thanked Councilwoman Gonzales for organizing the budget items.

Councilman Leon , thank Councilwoman Gonzales for keeping things move and putting everything together for the budget.

Carl McGary, District 1, expressed his concerns regarding the process to build a laundromat.

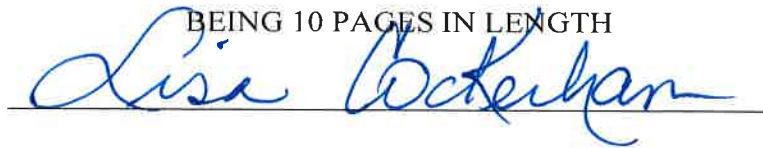
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
July 8, 2025
5:30pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales**
- II. ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Andrews (absent)**
- III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
July 8, 2025
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Gonzales**
- II. ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Andrews (absent)**
- III. PRAYER: Lisa Cockerham**
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.**
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of June 24, 2025 Meeting**
There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the minutes of June 24, 2025 meeting.
Vote: Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (absent), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Motion approved 3-0
- VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE**
- VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:**
 1. Introduction of an ordinance to remove unused/outdated definitions from the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). The Planning & Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0).
Charles Borchers IV, explained the ordinance.
There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance to remove unused/outdated definitions from the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). The Planning & Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption
Vote: Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (absent), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Motion approved to introduce 3-0
Public hearing July 22, 2025
 2. Introduction of an ordinance ordering and calling an election to be held in the City of Hammond to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein, with a public hearing to be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at the Hammond City Council's regular meeting place, the Louis J. Tallo Building, located at 312 East Charles Street in Hammond, Louisiana.
Charles Borchers IV, explained the item and read the statement "Notice is hereby given that at it's meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 12th, 2025 at 5:30 pm at it's regular meeting place, the City Council Chambers, 312 East Charles Street, Hammond, Louisiana. The City Council of the City of

Hammond, Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the City of Hammond, to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein.

Public Hearing August 12, 2025

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance ordering and calling an election to be held in the City of Hammond to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein, with a public hearing to be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at the Hammond City Council's regular meeting place, the Louis J. Tallo Building, located at 312 East Charles Street in Hammond, Louisiana.

Vote: Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (absent), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Motion approved to introduce 3-0

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

Old Business

1. A resolution to accept the annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention report as required by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality in the city's discharge permit for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant, Jan 2024-December 2024 (Nathan Levy)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to table a resolution to accept the annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention report as required by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality in the city's discharge permit for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant, Jan 2024-December 2024

Vote: Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (absent), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Motion approved to table 3-0

New Business

1. A resolution supporting the submission of an application to the Apache Corporation Tree Grant Program for 125 trees for an annual Louisiana Arbor Day tree giveaway January 16, 2026.

Charles Borchers, explained the grant.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Leon supporting the submission of an application to the Apache Corporation Tree Grant Program for 125 trees for an annual Louisiana Arbor Day tree giveaway January 16, 2026.

Vote: Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (absent), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Motion approved 3-0

2. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to renew the Esri (Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.) Small Municipal and County Government Enterprise Agreement (SGEA) for a 3-year term beginning August 1, 2025. The cost is \$32,020.00 for the first year, then \$30,200 for each of the remaining 2 years, for a total cost of \$92,420.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the agreement.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the Mayor to renew the Esri (Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.) Small Municipal and County Government Enterprise Agreement (SGEA) for a 3-year term beginning August 1, 2025. The cost is \$32,020.00 for the first year, then \$30,200 for each of the remaining 2 years, for a total cost of \$92,420.

Vote: Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (absent), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Motion approved 3-0

3. A resolution to "Ratify and Award bids received on July 3, 2025, for "Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements [FY2025]".

Mitchell Roniger, explained the item and recommends the award to low bidder Arbour Construction for \$251,800.00.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman DiVittorio to "Ratify and Award bids received on July 3, 2025, for Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements [FY2025] and award to low bidder Arbour Construction for \$251,800.00."

Vote: Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (absent), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Motion approved 3-0

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: No report

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio stated that the 4th of July show was nice.

Stanley Campbell, District 1, asked about the notice on the garbage collection.

Laura Henderson, asked about her mothers water bills and meter reading. She asked about a copy of a bill from 2021.

X . ADJOURN:

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. 3-0 to adjourn

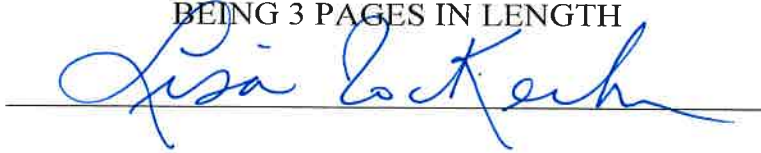
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
July 22, 2025
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review and consider override of the Mayor's veto of line items in the budget ordinance.
Mayor Panepinto, explained the items.

Veto Item #19

Kent Hawkins, 130 Alida St, spoke in support of this item and opposes the veto.

Terry Crapanzano, 104 Gwendolyn Dr. asked about the sewer.

Councilman DiVittorio, explained the process.

Veto Item # 23

Mayor explained that this was an added item to the original budget.

Councilman Wells, asked for for a reason why it was cut out of the budget. walking is important in District 3 and that the side walk is needed.

Veto Item # 29

Mayor explained the item.

Councilman DiVittorio, explained and that this is a phase II and the item was left off. He stated this was finishing a phase and drainage and sewer are priorities. He would appreciated the council's support.

Veto Item # 30

Mayor explained.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated this was the drainage project on Alida. Poor drainage is causing damage to the road.

Terry Crapanzano, 104 Gwendolyn Dr, expressed his concerns and stated that the city has done very little work in this neighborhood.

Kent Hawkins, 130 Alida St, stated that flooding is bad in the neighborhood. He stated he was pleading that they consider the drainage project. They are in desperate need for some help.

Robin Taylor, 116 Alida St, She stated that her house has flooded and to please put it on the books and do the sewer. She asked that this item be considered.

Patty Croft, 122 Alida, stated that her house flooded twice in ten years and asked that the drainage be fixed.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that people have reached out to him but could not make it tonight but wanted him to express their concerns about the drainage and sewer.

Councilman Wells, stated he was willing to take Louisa West and White Street off to next year.

Mike Penault, 120 Alida St., stated that all of his neighbors have flooded. He stated that this project needs to be done.

Veto Item # 39

Mayor stated this was a last minute add on.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that this was needed for the park. There was not much money for projects.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked what is the fund balance projection if all items above are passed.

Charles Borches explained the budget impacts.

Councilman Wells, stated the engineers never met with him to know what was needed in his district.

Deborah McQueen, 1002 Magazine St., asked about the budget impacts.

Becky Wells, asked about street projects in District 1.

Councilman Andrews, explained that projects are done in phases.

Dan Lambert, 116 Cate St., asked about the funds collected and projections.

Stanley Campbell, District 1, asked about budget presentation and if the council can amend the charter to distribute the funds by districts.

Councilwoman Gonzales, explained the reason why they don't do it by districts.

2. An ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances Regarding Prohibition on Persons Under the Age of 21 in Stand-Alone Bars and Nightclubs.

Councilman Andrews, explained the item and that he would allow for public comments.

Ricky Brocato, Crecent Bar owner, stated that there will be a huge economic impact if the ordinance passes.

Todd Dalaune, Red, White and Brew, owner-this would drive customers away from the city.

Tina Latino, Benny's Bar owner, stated that the city should not cut revenue.

Mitch Harrell, stated that punishing bars that are not doing anything is wrong.

Ian McKinna, 604 , stated that changing the age will not make the bars comply with the law and stated that this would negatively affect new business.

Gabby Hogan, works at Cate Stree Pub and thinks that the ordinance doesn't make sense.

Railey Robertson, works at fifths and does not support the ordinance.

Matt, stated that this creates a problem that doesn't exist. He's concerned about his investments in Hammond.

Anthony Donzi, has concerns about the ordinance.

Tim Weaver, stated that this should be on a ballot.

Emily Cattalnetto, works at Cate Street Pub, asked where should 18 years olds go if this passes.

Tanner Nugent, works at Benny's Bar, stated this would take away sales tax dollars and affect the culture under 21.

Cloris, kids need some place to go and there are other solutions.

Benny Latino, the ordinance doesn't make sense.

Ramil, this will cause a bigger problem.

Chuck, stated bars are not the problem

Wayne Cody, worked at bars and laws were enforced. The ordinance will kill revenue.

Johnaton Cranfield, Hammond had moumentum and voices should be heard.

Landon Pitts, stated that the ordinance puts young people in danger.

Dan Lambert, 115Cate St., stated has a petition with over three thousand signature and he opposes this ordinance.

3. An ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding Alcoholic Beverages in City Parks.

Councilman Andrews, explained the item

Tina Latino, stated it should be an exception for parks in the Downtown Development District.

Michelle Kendall, Downtown Development District, asked about revisions to the ordinance.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, read the proposed changes.

Carmen Hughes, supports the events in the parks

NEW BUSINESS

1. An ordinance to remove unused/outdated definitions from the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). The Planning & Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0). (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers explained the item.

No public comment



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA**

July 22, 2025

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Wells (P) Councilman DiVittorio (P) Councilwoman Gonzales (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 July 8, 2025 Meeting

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to approve the minutes of July 8, 2025.

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

VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review and consider override of the Mayor's veto of line items in the budget ordinance.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the line item vetoes:

There was a motion by **Councilman DiVittorio** and second by **Councilman Wells** to override veto line item # 30.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (N)
Councilman Leon (N), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion Failed 3-2

There was a motion by **Councilman DiVittorio** and second by **Councilman Wells** to override veto line item # 29.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (N)
Councilman Leon (N), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion Failed 3-2

There was a motion by **Councilman Wells** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to override veto line item #23

Pam Haynes, asked about the veto process.

Robin Taylor, stated that there was sewer backing up in her home.

Stanley Campbell, asked about the budget.

Daniel Lambert, stated the council should fix the sewer back-up problem.

Council members discussed the budget process and priorities

After hearing comment, Councilman Wells withdrew the motion and Councilman DiVittorio withdrew his second to override veto line item # 23.

There was a motion by **Councilman DiVittorio** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to reconsider and override the Mayor's veto of line item # 30.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y)
Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion Approved 5-0 to override the veto of item #30

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances Regarding Prohibition on Persons Under the Age of 21 in Stand-Alone Bars and Nightclubs.

Councilman Andrews, explained his concerns.

Councilman Wells, thanked Councilman Andrews for bring this item before the council.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that a family member owns a bar and she consulted with the ethics board and made a disclosure of that fact. She also stated her concerns about the ordinance.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that the ordinance brought light to some issues and there needs to be better enforcement.

Councilman Leon, stated that there are state laws and resources to address the issues.

Chief Bergeron, stated that enforcement of the open container should be reviewed, they will start enforcing the open container and blocking sidewalks.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to withdraw the proposed ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances Regarding Prohibition on Persons Under the Age of 21 in Stand-Alone Bars and Nightclubs.

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

3. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding Alcoholic Beverages in City Parks.

Councilman Andrews, asked that the item be tabled and revised.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to table and circulate a revised ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances regarding Alcoholic Beverages in City Parks.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to remove unused/outdated definitions from the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). The Planning & Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0).

Charles Borchers IV, explained the ordinance.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Wells** to table an ordinance to remove unused/outdated definitions from the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). The Planning & Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0).

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

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to remove and amend unused/outdated definitions and to establish specific use standards for group living and care facilities within the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). The Planning & Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).

Charles Borchers IV, explained the ordinance.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to remove and amend unused/outdated definitions and to establish specific use standards for group living and care facilities within the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). The Planning & Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).

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

2. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a request by Farrah Laciura on behalf of Hi Park LLC & Edson Group Limited Partnership to annex the 35 acres of Lot 1-D-1 B on Hipark Boulevard into the City's corporate limits in accordance with a survey by Andrew Faller dated May 22, 2025. The property is to be zoned I-L and located in District 3. The Planning & Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0). (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers IV, explained the ordinance.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to introduce an ordinance to approve a request by Farrah Laciura on behalf of Hi Park LLC & Edson Group Limited Partnership to annex the 35 acres of Lot 1-D-1 B on Hipark Boulevard into the City's corporate limits in accordance with a survey by Andrew Faller dated May 22, 2025. The property is to be zoned I-L and located in District 3. The Planning & Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to approve Benteaux. located at 119 East Thomas St. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant The owner is Benteaux L.L.C.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Ryan Oliphant, owner was present to answer questions.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to approve Benteaux located at 119 East Thomas St. Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant The owner is Benteaux L.L.C.

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

2. A resolution to authorize the purchase of (1) 2025 F-150 5.0L Crew Cab 2-WD for the Recreation Department from Bill Hood Ford. Total sale Price \$43,377.00 State Contract 4400023793.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the purchase of (1) 2025 F-150 5.0L Crew Cab 2-WD for the Recreation Department from Bill Hood Ford. Total sale Price \$43,377.00 State Contract 4400023793.

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

3. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an annual software support agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for hardware and software services in the amount of \$117,458.48.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the Mayor to enter into an annual software support agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for hardware and software services in the amount of \$117,458.48.

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: Back to school supply drive, Friday August 1.

Council:

Stanley Campbell, thanked the council for coming together for District 4. He also asked about the police chief being at the meeting.

Mayor, stated that it depends on what is on the agenda.

Councilman Wells, thanked the City Council President and he asked the city attorney to help him come up with an ordinance to try and save the youth.

Glen Galbrath, attorney for Civil Service Board and Julie Montleone, Hammond Civil Service Board Secretary, expresses her concerns regarding some discussions during the budget meetings relating to her salary. She stated that she does not want the public to think that she got money she did not get or deserve. She wanted to clear it up for the record.

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.

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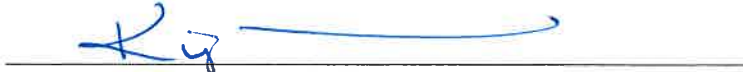
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
August 12, 2025
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. An ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding Alcoholic Beverages in City Parks.

Councilman Andrews, explained the ordinance and stated that revisions have been made to the original ordinance as introduced.

Councilwoman Gonzales, thanked Councilman Andrews for the revisions

Michelle Kendall, Director of Downtown Development District, thanked Councilman Andrews and Councilwoman Gonzales for their support of revising the ordinance and had questions about the process.

2. An ordinance to remove unused/outdated definitions from the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). The Planning & Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0).

Charles Borchers explained the ordinance, Frankie Legaux, City Planner was present to answer questions.

Councilman Wells, thanked Frankie Legaux for meeting with him and for coming to the city council meeting.

3. An ordinance ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the ordinance and that the millage was for public works.

Councilman Wells, asked Charles to explain the item.

Charles Borchers IV, explained that it was for public works and is up for renewal.

Councilman Wells, asked about impact fees for tapping into the city service.

Charles Borchers, explained that they have made changes and they have brought back weekly meetings.

Councilman Wells, asked if he could get an email invite to the meetings.

Stanley Campbell, District One, asked what services would be lost if this item did not pass and what services does this ordinance cover.

Charles Borchers IV, explained that it is for public works which includes streets, parks and grounds, water and sewer, drainage infrastructure.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about information being posted and what this tax will cover.

Charles Borchers, stated an information campaign would be done to let everyone know what it is.

NEW BUSINESS

1. An ordinance to remove and amend unused/outdated definitions and to establish specific use standards for group living and care facilities within the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). The Planning & Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).

Frankie Legaux, explained this in relation to group living environments and explained the ordinance. She read from the Fair Housing Act.

Councilman Andrews, asked about excluded items.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about the Fair Housing Act and including it in the UDC.

Councilman DiVittorio, led a discussion about changes in single family zoning and daycare as an allowed use.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated her concerns and asked about a conditional use and if it would violate the Fair Housing Act.

Councilman Wells, asked what needs to be done to get the three illegal homes in Councilman Andrews district shut down.

Charles Borchers, explained that Frankie Legaux has been working on cleaning up the UDC for a while.

Councilman Wells, expressed his concerns and stated that people need to know about the changes.

Councilwoman Gonzales suggested changes.

Councilman Andrews, stated that he is not going to approve something that was done wrong from the beginning with the homes in his neighborhood, he would like for them to be removed.

Kerry Raines, asked about group homes.

Stanley Campbell, asked if the item was passed as recommended, if the three homes in district one would be grandfathered in.

Frankie Legaux, answered no and explained the nonconforming use section of the UDC.

Pam Haynes, District 3, stated she had a concern with the zoning. The councilman should be able to say they don't want it.

Councilman Wells, stated that an investigation needs to be done in the building department.

2. An ordinance to approve a request by Farrah Laciura on behalf of Hi Park LLC & Edson Group Limited Partnership to annex the 35 acres of Lot 1-D-1 B on Hipark Boulevard into the City's corporate limits in accordance with a survey by Andrew Faller dated May 22, 2025. The property is to be zoned I-L and located in District 3. The Planning & Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Frankie Cali, was present on behalf of the owner, spoke about the property.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA**

August 12, 2025

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Andrews

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

III. PRAYER : Pastor Andrew Jackson

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of July 22, 2025 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of July 22, 2025 meeting.

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

VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

OLD BUSINESS :

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding Alcoholic Beverages in City Parks.

Councilman Andrews, explained that all changes has been done and he was ready to move forward with a vote on the amended ordinance. He stated this is only for the sale of alcohol and does not approve the sale of anything else.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances regarding Alcoholic Beverages in City Parks as revised.

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

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to remove unused/outdated definitions from the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). The Planning & Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0).

Charles Borchers IV, stated that this is the first ordinance on changes to the Unified Development Code to remove the eighteen pages of unused definitions and this is not the ordinance that deals with group living.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to adopt an ordinance to remove unused/outdated definitions from the City's Unified Development Code (UDC).

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

3. Final adoption of an ordinance ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the renewal of the public works millage and asked the council to approve so that an election can be called and put it to a vote of the people.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to adopt an ordinance ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to remove and amend unused/outdated definitions and to establish specific use standards for group living and care facilities within the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). The Planning & Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).

Charles Borchers IV, stated there has been a lot of discussion and suggested that the item be tabled. **There was a motion by Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to table the adoption of an ordinance to remove and amend unused/outdated definitions and to establish specific use standards for group living and care facilities within the City's Unified Development Code (UDC).

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

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve a request by Farrah Laciura on behalf of Hi Park LLC & Edson Group Limited Partnership to annex the 35 acres of Lot 1-D-1 B on Hipark Boulevard into the City's corporate limits in accordance with a survey by Andrew Faller dated May 22, 2025. The property is to be zoned I-L and located in District 3. The Planning & Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0). (Charles Borchers IV)

There was a motion by **Councilman Wells** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to adopt an ordinance to approve a request by Farrah Laciura on behalf of Hi Park LLC & Edson Group Limited Partnership to annex the 35 acres of Lot 1-D-1 B on Hipark Boulevard into the City's corporate limits in accordance with a survey by Andrew Faller dated May 22, 2025. The property is to be zoned I-L and located in District 3.

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

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to accept the annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Report, for January 1-December 31, 2024, as required by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality in the City's discharge permit for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Nathan Levy, presented the report from 2024.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to accept the annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention report as required by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality in the city's discharge permit for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

2. A resolution to approve Yellow Store located at 310 E. University Ave Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a convenience store. The owner is Bani Food Mart, LLC.

Charles Borchers, stated they meet all the requirements but asked that the item be tabled because the owner was not present.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to table a resolution to approve Yellow Store. located at 310 E. University Ave Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a convenience store. .

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

3. A resolution approving the re-appointment of Elliott Sanders to the Hammond Housing Authority Board for a 5-year term beginning June 1, 2025 and ending May 31, 2030. (Mayor Pete Panepinto)

Elliott Sanders was present and stated he would like to serve and make Hammond a better community.

Councilman Wells, asked about the state law and he doesn't think it's fair for an incoming Mayor. He thinks five years is too many years to have someone serve on boards.

Jennifer Brunet, Director of the Hammond Housing Authority, stated that it has always been five years and there are five board members and they are staggered and every so often each appointment would come up. There have different term dates and is a requirement from HUD

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by **Councilman Leon** approving the re-appointment of Elliott Sanders to the Hammond Housing Authority Board for a 5-year term beginning June 1, 2025 and ending May 31, 2030.

Vote: Councilman DiVittorio (abstain), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (abstain), Motion approved 3-0

4. A resolution approving the re-appointment of Gregory Vernon to the Hammond Housing Authority Board for a 5-year term beginning June 1, 2025 and ending May 31, 2030. (Mayor Pete Panepinto)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon approving the re-appointment of Gregory Vernon to the Hammond Housing Authority Board for a 5-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2030

Vote: Councilman DiVittorio (abstain), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (abstain), Motion approved 3-0

5. A resolution to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the beer-tasting event Brews Arts Festival held on Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The event boundaries include the Morrison Park Alleyway. The Brews Arts Festival is hosted by the Hammond Regional Arts Center as a primary fundraiser for the organization. Activities include craft-beer tasting, art vendors, live music and local food vendors.

Melissa Griffin, Hammond Regional Arts Center, explained the event.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the beer-tasting event Brews Arts Festival held on Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The event boundaries include the Morrison Park Alleyway. **Vote: Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (abstain),**

Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Motion approved 4-0

6. A resolution to grant a waiver of the city of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Hammond Regional Arts Center during the beer-tasting event Brews Arts Festival held on Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The event boundaries include the Morrison Park Alleyway. The Brews Arts Festival is hosted by the Hammond Regional Arts Center as a primary fundraiser for the organization. Activities include craft-beer tasting, art vendors, live music and local food vendors. (Melissa Griffin)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to grant a waiver of the city of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Hammond Regional Arts Center during the beer-tasting event Brews Arts Festival held on Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The event boundaries include the Morrison Park Alleyway.

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

7. A resolution supporting the submission of an \$24,000 application to the State Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase license plate readers for the Hammond Police Department.

Charles Borchers IV, explained this item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales supporting the submission of an \$24,000 application to the State Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase license plate readers for the Hammond Police Department.

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

8. A resolution to purchase a Kubota KX040-5R3A Excavator for total amount of \$68,945.60 Star Equipment will be the delivering dealer, State Contract # 4400026020.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Councilman Wells, asked about a tracking device on equipment.

Charles Borchers stated that a tracking device can be placed on equipment.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to purchase a Kubota KX040-5R3A Excavator for total amount of \$68,945.60 Star Equipment will be the delivering dealer, State Contract # 4400026020.

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

9. 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 resolution and the need for an extension.

Paxton Moreau, Bayou Signs, stated that his company applied for permits before the ordinance went into effect. He is against the moratorium and asked that their permit be approved.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, explained the variance procedures in the ordinance.

Councilman Wells, stated that he is against it.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated she brought this item up because she has received complaints about an influx of signs and she explained her reasoning.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve 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 and additional 90 days.

Vote: Councilman DiVittorio (abstain), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (N), Motion approved 3-1

10. A resolution authorizing the Hammond Police Department to purchase seventy (70) Dell Rugged 5430 Laptops using Louisiana State Contract No. 4400028252 in the amount of \$84,316.40.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Councilman Andrews, stated that a previous employee's name was on the paperwork

Charles Borchers, stated that a request was made to correct it.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the Hammond Police Department to purchase seventy (70) Dell Rugged 5430 Laptops using Louisiana State Contract No. 4400028252 in the amount of \$84,316.40.

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

IX. REPORTS:

There was motion by Councilman Andrews and second Councilman DiVittorio to amend the agenda to add reports.

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

Mayor: Mayor stated that the backpack program was successful and he thanked all of the volunteers. He also ask that everyone pay attention to school buses.

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about code enforcement and wanted some clarity.

Councilman Wells, asked about vehicles and he recognized Kevin Hauck about city vehicles being marked.

Kevin Hauck, Loranger, he had questions and concerns about city vehicle use and being marked.

Councilman Wells, asked about the Chief of Police vehicles and other vehicles being marked.

Michael Showers, NAACP, asked about the Attorney General Opinion on Bobby McCaskey case. He expressed his concerns and made requests of the council.

X. ADJOURN

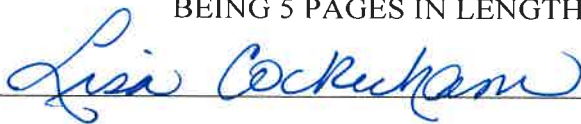
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
August 25, 2025
5:30pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman Kip Andrews
- II. ROLL CALL:** Councilman Wells (A) Councilman DiVittorio (P) Councilwoman Gonzales (P) Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Andrews (P)
- III. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
August 25, 2025
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman Kip Andrews
- II. ROLL CALL:** Councilman Wells (A) Councilman DiVittorio (P) Councilwoman Gonzales (P) Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Andrews (P)
Councilman Andrews announced during reports on the agenda- there will be reports only- no discussion will be given. Questions should be sent to him by e-mail
- III. PRAYER:** Councilman Kip Andrews
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.
Councilman Wells entered the meeting
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of August 12, 2025 Meeting.
There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of August 12, 2025
VOTE: Councilman Wells (Abstain) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Approved 4-0
- VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE**
- VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE**
- VIII. RESOLUTIONS:**
 - 1. A resolution to approve Yellow Store located at 310 E. University Ave Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a convenience store. The owner is Bani Food Mart, LLC. (Charles Borchers)
Charles Borchers explained the item.
Samuel Bani, Owner requested approval and was present to answer questions.
Councilman Leon, stated he wanted to be sure the owner followed the law on sales to underage persons.
Councilman Wells, stated that he wants to be sure all persons are trained.
Samuel Bani, Owner stated that employees are trained.
There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve Yellow Store located at 310 E. University Ave Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain an alcohol permit for a convenience store.
VOTE: Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Abstain), Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) motion approved 4-0
 - 2. Appointment to the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term ending August 25, 2028. (Councilman Andrews)
Councilman Kip Andrews, explained the process for appointment and asked each nominee to come forward.

Stanley Campbell, was present and read a letter to the Council expressing his interest in the position

Councilman Devon Wells, asked about prior experience

Councilman Steve Leon, asked if he was a civil service employee or supervised a civil service employee

Kyle Johnson, was present and expressed his interest in the position and wants to continue to serve.

Councilman Leon, asked about learning curve and if he was a civil service employee or supervised a civil service employee

Mike DuBois, was present and expressed his interest in the position and wants to continue to serve.

Councilman Leon, asked about a learning curve and if he was a civil service employee or supervised a civil service employee.

Charles Deliberto, was present and expressed his interest in the position. He formerly worked in HPD and he has supervised civil service employees.

Councilman Steve Leon, asked if he could be fair

Councilman Devon Wells, thanked him for service with the city.

Councilman Kip Andrews, asked for public comment

No public comment

There was a motion by Councilman Sam DiVittorio and second by Councilman Devon Wells to appoint Charles Deliberto to the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term ending August 25, 2028.

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

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales to appoint/reappoint Mike DuBois to the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term ending August 25, 2028.

VOTE: Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (N), Councilman Wells (N) Councilman DiVittorio (N) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Motion Fails 2-3

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales to appoint/reappoint Kyle Johnson to the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term ending August 25, 2028.

VOTE: Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (N), Councilman Wells (N) Councilman DiVittorio (N) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Motion Fails 2-3

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to appoint Stanley Campbell to the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term ending August 25, 2028.

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

3. A resolution confirming the reappointment of Ronald Matthews to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 4-year term beginning June 16, 2025 and ending June 15, 2029.

Charles Borchers explained the process

Ron Matthews explained his interest in the position and wants to continue to serve.

No Public Comment

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to appoint/reappoint Ronald Matthews to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 4-year term beginning June 16, 2025 and ending June 15, 2029.

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

4. A resolution confirming the reappointment of Monica Perez to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 4-year term beginning June 15, 2025 and ending June 14, 2029.

Monica Perez was present to answer questions and asked to continue to serve.

No Public Comment

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to appoint/reappoint Monica Perez to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 4-year term beginning June 15, 2025 and ending June 14, 2029.

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

5. A resolution confirming the reappointment of Trey Tycer to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 4-year term beginning June 15, 2025 and ending June 14, 2029.

Trey Tycer was present to answer questions and would like to continue to serve.

No Public Comment

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to appoint/reappoint Trey Tycer to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 4-year term beginning June 15, 2025 and ending June 14, 2029

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

6. A resolution 1) accepting a \$10,000 grant from the Louisiana Main Street Restoration Grant Program for improvements to the Levy Building; 2) approving a cash match of \$10,000 from previously approved

funds for improvements to the building; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related document. (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers explained the grant.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to accept a \$10,000 grant from the Louisiana Main Street Restoration Grant Program for improvements to the Levy Building; 2) approving a cash match of \$10,000 from previously approved funds for improvements to the building; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related document.

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

7. A resolution ratifying and rejecting all bids received for "Mooney Avenue Park Picnic Pavilions & Gazebo" (RFB 26-07) as a result of all bids received being over budget. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers explained the item and reasons to reject bids.

Ron Matthews- asked about specifications

Councilman Wells, asked to meet with Charles Borchers before these decisions are made.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to reject all bids received for "Mooney Avenue Park Picnic Pavilions & Gazebo" (RFB 26-07) as a result of all bids received being over budget.

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

8. A resolution ratifying quotes and authorizing the purchase of "Mooney Avenue Park Gazebo" from Superior Recreational Products in the amount of \$55,890 pending concurrence from the State Land and Water Conservation Fund Program. (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers explained the item and that they received three quotes.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to ratify quotes and authorizing the purchase of "Mooney Avenue Park Gazebo" from Superior Recreational Products in the amount of \$55,890 pending concurrence from the State Land and Water Conservation Fund Program.

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

9. A resolution ratifying quotes and awarding the contract for "Exterior Renovations at the Miller Memorial Library." (Charles Borchers IV)

Charles Borchers explained the item and quotes.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if it can be awarded to someone who is not lowest bidder.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney stated yes it can be awarded to the high bidder and that it is not required to be publicly bid.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to ratify quotes and awarding the contract at the Miller Memorial Library to MRP Contractors LLC in the amount of \$31,500.00.

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

10. A resolution ratifying quotes and awarding the contract for "Exterior Renovations at the Levy Building/Hammond Regional Arts Center" to Staub Window Restorations in the amount of \$49,300.

Charles Borchers explained the item and recommends award to Staub Window Restorations, LLC.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to ratify quotes and awarding the contract for "Exterior Renovations at the Levy Building/Hammond Regional Arts Center" to Staub Window Restorations in the amount of \$49,300.

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

11. A resolution to authorize the purchase of a 2026 Ford Explorer for the Purchasing Department from Bill Hood Ford. Total sale Price \$40,159.00 State Contract 4400023793. (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers explained the item and need for vehicle.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked how the vehicle will be used.

Councilman Wells, stated he does not think the vehicle is needed.

Curtis Ruffin, Distract 1, does not support the purchase.

Councilman Leon, asked that the item be tabled and requested that more information be provided.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that is this is the reason why department head should be attending the meetings.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to table the purchase of a 2026 Ford Explorer for the Purchasing Department from Bill Hood Ford for the total sale price of \$40,159.00 State Contract 4400023793

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

12. A resolution to purchase Three (3) Runway End Identification Lights for a total amount of \$40,844.19, From Allen Enterprises, Inc. (Charles Borchers)

Charles Borchers explained the item and the need for the lights. He stated that this is will be funded by grant dollars.

Chris Goodman, Hammond, explained the need for the lights.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews to authorize the purchase of Three (3) Runway End Identification Lights for a total amount of \$40,844.19, From Allen Enterprises, Inc.

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: Charles Borchers, reported the city will receive CBGP block grant funding for parks
Councilman Wells asked about use of the funds.

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio asked about code enforcement list on abandoned vehicles

Charles Borchers, discussed how the list is prepared and updated

Councilman Leon, asked about reoccurring problems.

Jan Lobue, asked about hiring temporary workers

Councilman Wells, asked about Roseland explosion and help from city.

Charles Borchers, stated that Hammond Fire Department was a part of fire suppression.

Councilman Wells, asked about employment opportunities for Smitty's workers

Councilman Andrews, asked if the building official position is being advertised

Charles Borchers, stated that was and is on the city's website.

Councilman Wells, stated that there are still problems with light in Mooney Parks

Councilman Andrews, passed out the Attorney General's opinion on the building department investigation and asked the Council Clerk to read the opinion.

Lisa Cockerham, read from the Attorney General's opinion.

Pam Haynes- stated that she has concerns regarding traffic on Coleman Ave.

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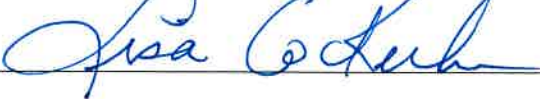
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
5:30pm**

- 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



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
September 9, 2025
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman Kip Andrews
II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (P) Councilwoman Gonzales (P) Councilman Leon (P), Councilman Andrews (P)
III. PRAYER : Councilman Andrews
IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.
V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of August 25, 2025 Meeting
There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve the minutes of August 25, 2025
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: NONE
VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to correct the term of Charles Deliberto as a member of the Hammond Municipal Police & Fire Civil Service Board to expire July 29, 2028. (Councilman Andrews)
There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to correct the term of Charles Deliberto as a member of the Hammond Municipal Police & Fire Civil Service Board to expire July 29, 2028.
VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 4-0
2. A resolution to correct the term of Stanley Campbell as a member of the Hammond Municipal Police & Fire Civil Service Board to expire July 29, 2028. (Councilman Andrews)
There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to correct the term of Stanley Campbell as a member of the Hammond Municipal Police & Fire Civil Service Board to expire July 29, 2028.
VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 4-0
3. A resolution to approve Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to hold its annual Parish Fair on October 24, 25, 26, 2025 within the boundaries of Magnolia Street from W. Colorado to railroad track, and NW Railroad Ave from W Colorado to railroad track. (Chastity Landry)

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to approve Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to hold its annual Parish Fair on October 24, 25, 26, 2025 within the boundaries of Magnolia Street from W. Colorado to railroad track, and NW Railroad Ave from W Colorado to railroad track.

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

4. A resolution authorizing Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to "serve, sell or otherwise handle alcohol" on Friday, October 24, 2025, from 5pm to 10pm, Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 9am to 10pm, and Sunday, October 26, 2025, from 9 am to 6pm within the boundaries set. (Chastity Landry)

Mayor Panepinto, asked that the event end at 9:00 pm on Friday and Saturday.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to approve with the change to Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to "serve, sell or otherwise handle alcohol" on Friday, October 24, 2025, from 5pm to 9pm, Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 9am to 9pm, and Sunday, October 26, 2025, from 9 am to 6pm within the boundaries set.

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

5. A resolution authorizing Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for the following dates and times: Friday, October 24, 2025 5pm to 10pm, Saturday, October 25, 2025 9am to 10pm, and Sunday October 26, 2025 9am to 6pm within the boundaries set.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to approve with the change to Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for the following dates and times: Friday, October 24, 2025 5pm to 9pm, Saturday, October 25, 2025 9am to 9pm, and Sunday October 26, 2025 9am to 6pm within the boundaries set.

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

6. A resolution to approve ALDI Store #157 located at 2302 W. Thomas St., Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain a permit to sell packaged Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is ALDI (Louisiana) LLC.

Charles Borchers, explained item

Kia Young, owners representative was present to answer question. She stated the opening was going to be September 25.

There was a motion by **Councilman DiVittorio** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to approve ALDI Store #157 located at 2302 W. Thomas St., Hammond, LA 70401 to obtain a permit to sell packaged Hi/Low alcohol. The owner is ALDI (Louisiana) LLC.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (abstain), Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Motion Approved 3-0

7. A resolution to authorize the purchase of a 2026 Ford Explorer for the Purchasing Department from Bill Hood Ford. Total sale Price \$40,159.00 State Contract 4400023793. (Charles Borchers)

Leon Maryland, stated that he thought the price was to high.

Stanley Campbell, asked if the vehicle was needed.

Councilwoman Gonzales explained and thanked Jana in purchasing for the information she provided.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** to authorize the purchase of a 2026 Ford Explorer for the Purchasing Department from Bill Hood Ford. Total sale Price \$40,159.00 State Contract 4400023793.

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

8. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for improvements at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport. Under this agreement, DOTD will provide \$10,306.58 in general aviation reimbursement for eligible expenses incurred by the Airport in Fiscal Year 2025.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for improvements at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport. Under this agreement, DOTD will provide \$10,306.58 in general aviation reimbursement for eligible expenses incurred by the Airport in Fiscal Year 2025.

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

9. A resolution approving Hammond Northshore Regional Airport's FY26-30 Capital Improvement Plan.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item and stated that the plan is coordinated with the FAA and DOTD to provide funding.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Leon** resolution approving Hammond Northshore Regional Airport's FY26-30 Capital Improvement Plan.

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: stated the Minnesota Park Rd was opened ahead of schedule.

Charles Borchers stated that the first public hearing was held on the Martin Luther King Park Block Grant improvements and a second public hearing will be held on Monday September 22, 2025 at 4:00 pm. there was a pubic hearing on the

Council: No Council Reports

X . ADJOURN

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned

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312 EAST CHARLES STREET
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SEPTEMBER 23, 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



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
September 23, 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 (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 September 9, 2025 Meeting
There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the minutes of September 9, 2025
VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 4-0
VI. PRESENTATION: Southeast Advocates for Family Empowerment (S.A.F.E), Kristi Kyser- Not Present
VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE: NONE
VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:
1. Introduction of an ordinance to amend general definitions from the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0) Charles Borchers, explained the item.
There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to Introduce an ordinance to amend general definitions from the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0)
VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 4-0
2. Introduction of an ordinance to amend definitions and add specific uses for those definitions including: guest house, home occupations and restaurants. Add new Section 2.3.10 from the City's Unified Development Code (UDC) regarding specific uses. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0)
Charles Borchers, explained the item
Councilman Wells entered the meeting.
Councilwoman Gonzales, asked City Attorney Coudrain if he reviewed the changes
Andre Coudrain, state that he had not reviewed the changes yet.

Councilman Wells asked what was a guest house

Charles Borchers, explained the definition.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about some of the definitions.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to amend definitions and add specific uses for those definitions including: guest house, home occupations and restaurants. Add new Section 2.3.10 from the City's Unified Development Code (UDC) regarding specific uses. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0)

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

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

3. Introduction of an ordinance to amend the City's Unified Development Code (UDC) regarding appeals. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0)

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Councilman Wells, asked for an explanation of the appeals process.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an ordinance to amend the City's Unified Development Code (UDC) regarding appeals. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0) Charles Borchers, explained the item.

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 remove and amend unused/outdated definitions from the City's Unified Development Code (UDC) **and requirements for billboards**. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0)

Charles Borchers, explained the item

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an ordinance to remove and amend unused/outdated definitions from the City's Unified Development Code (UDC) **and requirements for billboards**. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0)

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

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

5. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Sherri Brown Jackson to rezone 806 Mooney Avenue from RS-3 to RM-2 in District 3, for new construction of a duplex. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0)

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Councilman Wells, stated that this was in his district and he was ok with it and that this is family property.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Sherri Brown Jackson to rezone 806 Mooney Avenue from RS-3 to RM-2 in District 3, for new construction of a duplex. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0)

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

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

6. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Chad Havell to rezone 610 West Morris Avenue from RM-2 to MX-N in District 2 to make his existing building into an office building. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0)

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Chad Havell to rezone 610 West Morris Avenue from RM-2 to MX-N in District 2 to make his existing building into an office building. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0)

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

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

7. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a revocation of City right of way for 703 South Cypress Street, which is located on the east side of South Cypress Street between addresses 623 and 703, in the Iowa Addition Overlay District in District 2. The applicant for this revocation is Mark Nettles, who understands that, in accordance with Unified Development Code, the revocation is conditioned on his payment of the costs of the associated survey, transfer of title, and recording. Hearing no objections, the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval 4-0.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to introduce an ordinance to approve a revocation of City right of way for 703 South Cypress Street, which is located on the east side of South Cypress Street between addresses 623 and 703, in the Iowa Addition Overlay District in District 2. The applicant for this revocation is Mark Nettles, who understands that, in accordance with Unified Development Code, the revocation is conditioned on his payment of the costs of the associated survey, transfer of title, and recording. Hearing no objections, the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval 4-0.

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

8. Introduction of an ordinance declaring moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to the Town of Independence. One (1) 2011 Tahoe (k-9 unit)

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Councilwoman Gonzales asked about the units

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if more units were available

Stanley Campbell, District 1, asked why is the vehicle being declared surplus if it is still running.

Mayor Panepinto, explained that the city was having issues with maintenance costs.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to introduce an ordinance declaring moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to the Town of Independence. 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

9. Introduction of an ordinance declaring moveable property as surplus and providing for a donation to St. Helena Parish. One (1) 2016 Tahoe (k-9 unit)

Charles Borchers, explained that it is the same as the previous

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if the purchasing department can provide more detailed information.

Councilman DiVittorio, requested that more information be provided moving forward.

Stanley Campbell, District 1, thinks that more information is needed.

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

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

Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 4-1

IX. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution authorizing Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to "serve, sell or otherwise handle alcohol" on Friday, October 24, 2025, from 4pm to 9pm, Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 10am to 9pm, and Sunday, October 26, 2025, from 11 am to 6pm within the boundaries set.

Joe Thomas, was present from Holy Ghost to answer questions.

Councilman DiVittorio, discussed the reasons for his prior vote.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the reasons for ending the event at 9pm.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells authorizing Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to "serve, sell or otherwise handle alcohol" on Friday, October 24, 2025, from 4pm to 9pm, Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 10am to 9pm, and Sunday, October 26, 2025, from 11 am to 6pm within the boundaries set.

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

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

2. A resolution authorizing Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for the following dates and times: Friday, October 24, 2025 4pm to 9 pm, Saturday, October 25, 2025 10am to 9pm, and Sunday October 26, 2025 11 am to 6pm within the boundaries set.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon authorizing Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee to obtain a waiver of the Open Container Law for the following dates and times: Friday, October 24, 2025 4pm to 9 pm, Saturday, October 25, 2025 10am to 9pm, and Sunday October 26, 2025 11 am to 6pm within the boundaries set.

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

3. A resolution authorizing the purchase of computers and peripherals from Dell in the amount of \$101,416.14 under State Contract 4400028252.

Rick Silewicz, Director of IT explained the need for the purchase.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the purchase of computers and peripherals from Dell in the amount of \$101,416.14 under State Contract 4400028252.

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

4. A resolution to appoint Judah Richardson to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term ending June 15, 2029.

Mayor Panepinto, explained the appointment.

Judah Richardson, was present and stated he looks forward to the opportunity to serve.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to appoint Judah Richardson to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term ending June 15, 2029.

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

X. REPORTS:

Mayor: Mentioned the after school program in the recreation department and stated the Downtown Pavillion opened this past Friday.

Council: Councilman DiVittorio, asked if the city could concentrated on grass cutting in the Lincoln Park area.

Councilman Wells, asked for an update on debris in yard on 703 Natchez St, and trees that need to be picked up.

Mayor, explained that they do not generally clean debris off of a person's property.

Councilman Wells asked for an update on the park

Charles Stated that the splashpad is under construction and they are working on getting the approval for the gazebo

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the servitude.

Charles Borchers, stated that he spoke to Spangler Engineering and they have gone out and surveyed the property and marked where the servitude will go and that will be presented to the property owner.

Councilman Andrews, Asked about emails that he sent regarding police details. He asked about the police detail of an upcoming bar event.

Mayor explained

Councilman Wells, expressed his concern about the bills to the city and the number of people in the city.

Councilman DiVittorio, doesn't think this should be the city's responsibility.

XI . 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

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September 23, 2025

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
OCTOBER 14, 2025
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING

OLD BUSINESS

1. An ordinance to remove and amend unused/outdated definitions and to establish specific use standards for group living and care facilities within the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). The Planning & Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).

Frankie Legaux, explained the changes

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that the item that is hyperlinked is not the one that is being proposed.

Jan Lobue, asked about the changes

Charles Borchers, explained the changes and that the wrong document was attached and recommended that it be table until the final version can be attached.

Councilman Andrews, recommend the item be tabled.

Councilman Leon, suggested that there be copies for the audience see what's being voted on.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that he had some concerns in his distict.

Andre Coudrain, recommended that anyone that had a general comment tonight should be heard and if it is tabled, when it comes up the proposed changes can be hyperlinked.

Debra Swenson, Woodbridge Subdivion, asked that it be tabled and that the public be notified of the changes.

Charle Borchers, stated that he would speak to the IT Department about putting the documents on the website.

Councilman Wells, stated that it should be tabled and asked about issues related to group homes in District One. He asked for an answers how to get the illegal house shut down.

Charles Borchers, explained the group home use

Councilman DiVittorio, stated that his understanding is that they should have not been allowed.

Andre Coudrain, stated that he has to meet with the people to find out whats going on with the house.

Councilman Wells, expressed his concerns about new group homes popping up in his community.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked that it not be placed back on the agenda until the issues are resolved.

Ron Matthews, Planning and Zoning Commission, suggested that it be tabled and further reviewed and addressed at the Planning and Zoning work session.

Debra Swenson, asked about when, and the location of meetings

Ron Matthews, stated they will take it up at there next work session.

NEW BUSINESS

1. An ordinance to amend general definitions in the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).

Frankie Legaux stated that she received some changes from the city attorney and explained.

Andre Coudrain, explained the changes requested. He recommended that anyone that had a general comment tonight should be heard and if it is tabled, when it comes up the proposed changes can be hyperlinked.

Councilman Andrews, asked about the changes.

Ron Matthews, asked that they take time to review the comments from the city attorney at the next planning and zoning work session. Next work session is November 6.

2. An ordinance to amend definitions, add specific uses for definitions including guest house, home occupations, and restaurants, and add new Section 2.3.10 to the City's Unified Development Code (UDC) regarding specific uses. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0).

Frankie Legaux, explained the changes.

Jan Lobue, had questions about the process.

Charles Borchers, explained that the agenda was posted before they received the comments from the city attorney.

Councilman Wells, asked that notices be sent to business owners when something is on the agenda.

Ron Matthews, stated they are working on making the process better and complete.

Derek Baham, 102 Pine Dr, asked to have better notification.

3. An ordinance to remove and amend unused/outdated definitions in the City's Unified Development Code (UDC) and add requirements for billboards. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).

Frankie Legaux, explained the changes.

Ron Matthews, spoke on the billboards. He advised that they protect the optics of the City of Hammond and to not allow any additional billboards.

Brett Moreau, asked about existing permits and billboards.

Scott Jones, Jones Signs, asked about his application for a billboard and spoke about the benefits of billboards.

Shawn Thibideaux, stated he works for the billboard companies and expressed his concerns, stated that billboards are good.

Ron Matthews, stated we have over 15 billboards erected with no advertisement and he told the council it's time.

Wayne Hixon, stated he worked with several parishes and ask that the city not shut out billboards in the city.

4. An ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Sherri Brown Jackson to rezone 806 Mooney Avenue from RS-3 to RM-2 in District 3 for construction of a duplex. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).

Frankie Legaux, explained the ordinance

Councilman Wells stated that he and Sherri Brown Jackson spoke and they want to keep the zoning the same with a conditional use that she is the only one who can build in the community. They want to leave zoning the same and she will be the only one who can build a duplex in the community.

Ron Matthew, explained the zoning and asked the city attorney if the item needs to be tabled and brought back up.

Andre Coudrain, explained and suggested that the item be tabled.

Charle Borchers explained asked if a conditional use is approved, it will not be extended to a new owner.

Dr. Sherri Brown Jackson, 806 Mooney stated she wants to make sure her family will have somewhere to live and it is going to stay in the family.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, stated that when it comes time for final adoption they can amend it to deny the rezoning request but to grant a conditional use for the construction of a duplex or table it and clean it up and it comes back up.

Councilman Wells, stated that it was in District 3 and he wants to amend it.

Charles Borchers asked Dr. Jackson if there was a reason she didn't want to rezone it and do a conditional use.

Dr. Jackson stated she is leaning on the expertise of her council person and what is best for her.

5. An ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Chad Havell to rezone 610 West Morris Avenue from RM-2 to MX-N in District 2 to make his existing building into an office building. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0).

Frankie Legaux, explained the ordinance.

Chad Havell, requested approval.

6. An ordinance to approve a revocation of City right of way for 703 South Cypress Street, which is located on the east side of South Cypress Street between addresses 623 and 703, in the Iowa Addition Overlay District in District 2. The applicant for this revocation is Mark Nettles, who understands that, in accordance with Unified Development Code, the revocation is conditioned on his payment of the costs of the associated survey, transfer of title, and recording. Hearing no objections, the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval 4-0.

Frankie Legaux, explained the ordinance.

The owner was present to answer questions.

7. 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, explained the condition of vehicle.

Recommended the item be tabled until additional information was received.

8. 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, recommended the item be tabled



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MINUTES**

**312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA**

OCTOBER 14, 2025

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Wells (P) Councilman DiVittorio (P) Councilwoman Gonzales (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 September 23, 2025 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilman Wells to approve the minutes of September 23, 2025 meeting.

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

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

VI. PRESENTATION: Southeast Advocates for Family Empowerment (S.A.F.E)

Kovia Ventress made a presentation for S.A.F.E.

VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

OLD BUSINESS

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to remove and amend unused/outdated definitions and to establish specific use standards for group living and care facilities within the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). The Planning & Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0). (Frankie Legaux)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to table the adoption of an ordinance to remove and amend unused/outdated definitions and to establish specific use standards for group living and care facilities within the City's Unified Development Code (UDC).

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend general definitions in the City's Unified Development Code (UDC). The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0). (Frankie Legaux)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to table the adoption of an ordinance to amend general definitions in the City's Unified Development Code (UDC).

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

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

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend definitions, add specific uses for definitions including guest house, home occupations, and restaurants, and add new Section 2.3.10 to the City's Unified Development Code (UDC) regarding specific uses. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0). (Frankie Legaux)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to table the adoption or an ordinance to amend definitions, add specific uses for definitions including guest house, home occupations, and restaurants, and add new Section 2.3.10 to the City's Unified Development Code (UDC) regarding specific uses.

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

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

3. Final adoption of an ordinance to remove and amend unused/outdated definitions in the City's Unified Development Code (UDC) and add requirements for billboards. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0). (Frankie Legaux)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to table the adoption or an ordinance to remove and amend unused/outdated definitions in the City's Unified Development Code (UDC) and add requirements for billboards.

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

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

4. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Dr. Sherri Brown Jackson to rezone 806 Mooney Avenue from RS-3 to RM-2 in District 3 for construction of a duplex. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0). (Frankie Legaux)

City Attorney Andre Coudrain explained that if the council grants an expanded conditional use to Dr. Jackson, the conditional use only applies to Dr. Jackson and only she can build a duplex. A new owner of the property could not build a duplex without a re-zoning or obtaining an expanded conditional use approval to the new owner. Once the duplex is built, it would be a legal non-conforming structure.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to deny rezoning of 806 Mooney Ave from RS-3 to RM-2 in District 3, for new construction, but granting approval for an expanded conditional use for construction of a duplex by applicant Dr. Sherri Brown Jackson only.

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

5. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Chad Havell to rezone 610 West Morris Avenue from RM-2 to MX-N in District 2 to make his existing building into an office building. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0). (Frankie Legaux)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Chad Havell to rezone 610 West Morris Avenue from RM-2 to MX-N in District 2 to make his existing building into an office building.

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

6. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve a revocation of City right of way for 703 South Cypress Street, which is located on the east side of South Cypress Street between addresses 623 and 703, in the Iowa Addition Overlay District in District 2. The applicant for this revocation is Mark Nettles, who understands that, in accordance with Unified Development Code, the revocation is conditioned on his payment of the costs of the associated survey, transfer of title, and recording. Hearing no objections, the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval 4-0. (Frankie Legaux)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to adopt an ordinance to approve a revocation of City right of way for 703 South Cypress Street, which is located on the east side of South Cypress Street between addresses 623 and 703, in the Iowa Addition Overlay District in District 2. The applicant for this revocation is Mark Nettles, who understands that, in accordance with Unified Development Code, the revocation is conditioned on his payment of the costs of the associated survey, transfer of title, and recording.

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

7. Final adoption of 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)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to table the adoption of 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 (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion approved 5-0 to table

8. Final adoption of 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 Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to table the adoption of 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 (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion approved 5-0 to table

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE: NONE

IX. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution 1) accepting a \$600,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for the acquisition and installation of street lighting in historic downtown Hammond; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Ron Matthews, suggested that the work be done by someone experienced.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that it should be reviewed by the Downtown Development District's Design Committee.

Michelle Kendall, Director of the Downtown Development, thanked Representative Muscarello for the appropriation.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio 1) accepting a \$600,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for the acquisition and installation of street lighting in historic downtown Hammond; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement.

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

2. A resolution 1) accepting a \$200,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for the asphalt overlay of Cate Street from East Hanson Avenue to East Robert Street; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked if this could be combined with other projects.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales 1) accepting a \$200,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for the asphalt overlay of Cate Street from East Hanson Avenue to East Robert Street; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement.

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

3. A resolution 1) accepting a \$150,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for the beautification of North Morrison Boulevard; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Ron Matthews, asked if this could be done in a unified matter.

Kerry Raines, Whitmore Dr, asked about maintenance of the landscaping.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio 1) accepting a \$150,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for the beautification of North Morrison Boulevard; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement.

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

4. A resolution 1) accepting a \$100,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for drainage improvements between West Church Street and West Thomas Street; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Ron Matthews, asked about capital projects

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales 1) accepting a \$100,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for drainage improvements between West Church Street and West Thomas Street; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement.

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

5. A resolution 1) accepting a \$75,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for Recreation Department operations; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales 1) accepting a \$75,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for Recreation Department operations; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is NO match requirement.

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

6. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for animal services with Tangipahoa Parish Government in the amount of \$60,057 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for animal services with Tangipahoa Parish Government in the amount of \$60,057 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

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

7. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for public transportation services with the Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging in the amount of \$60,000 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for public transportation services with the Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging in the amount of \$60,000 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

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

8. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for law enforcement services with the Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa in the amount of \$11,107 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for law enforcement services with the Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa in the amount of \$11,107 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

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

9. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for veteran services with the Louisiana Department of Veteran Affairs the amount of \$1,892 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for veteran services with the Louisiana Department of Veteran Affairs the amount of \$1,892 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

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

10. A resolution approving the purchase of 7 lift station generators from ARCCO Power Systems in the amount of \$225,440.55, including \$217,640.55 for the generators under State Contract 4400026321 and \$7,800 for upgraded aluminum enclosures under a sole source contract.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item

Ron Matthews, asked about the type of units

Charle Borchers, explained that they were diesel and why.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales approving the purchase of 7 lift station generators from ARCCO Power Systems in the amount of \$225,440.55, including \$217,640.55 for the generators under State Contract 4400026321 and \$7,800 for upgraded aluminum enclosures under a sole source contract.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (absent), Councilman Andrews(Y). Motion approved 3-0

11. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City's Open Container law during the Hammond Downtown Development District's outdoor concert, Hammond Live, held on Friday, November 7th, 2025 from 5:30pm to 8pm in Cate Square Park.

Michelle Kendall, explained the event.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to grant a waiver of the City's Open Container law during the Hammond Downtown Development District's outdoor concert, Hammond Live, held on Friday, November 7th, 2025 from 5:30pm to 8pm in Cate Square Park.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(abstain). Motion approved 3-0

12. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City's Open Container law during the Planet in the Park event co-hosted by the Downtown Development District and We Didn't Planet LLC., held on Saturday, November 8th, 2025 from 11:00am - 6:00pm in Cate Square Park. (Alec Griffith)

Michelle Kendall, explained the event.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to grant a waiver of the City's Open Container law during the Planet in the Park event co-hosted by the Downtown Development District and We Didn't Planet LLC., held on Saturday, November 8th, 2025 from 11:00am - 6:00pm in Cate Square Park.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(abstain). Motion approved 3-0

13. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City's Open Container law during the Hammond Downtown Development District's event, Starry Saturday, held on Saturday, November 22nd, 2025 from 8:00am – 8:00pm within downtown boundaries.

Michelle Kendall explained the event.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman DiVittorio to grant a waiver of the City's Open Container law during the Hammond Downtown Development District's event, Starry Saturday, held on Saturday, November 22nd, 2025 from 8:00am – 8:00pm within downtown boundaries.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(abstain). Motion approved 3-0

14. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City's Open Container law during the Hammond Farmers & Artisans Merry Market held on Saturday, December 20th, 2025 from 8:00am - noon in Railroad Park and within downtown boundaries. (Michelle Kendall)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to grant a waiver of the City's Open Container law during the Hammond Farmers & Artisans Merry Market held on Saturday, December 20th, 2025 from 8:00am - noon in Railroad Park and within downtown boundaries.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(abstain). Motion approved 3-0

15. A resolution to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond Open Container law during the Hammond Downtown Development District, Southeastern Alumni Association, and Tangipahoa Chamber's event,

Throwback Thursday, for Southeastern's Centennial Homecoming on Thursday, October 16th from 5:00pm -9:00pm at Railroad Park and within downtown boundaries.

Michelle Kendall, explained the event.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to grant a waiver of the City of Hammond Open Container law during the Hammond Downtown Development District, Southeastern Alumni Association, and Tangipahoa Chamber's event, Throwback Thursday, for Southeastern's Centennial Homecoming on Thursday, October 16th from 5:00pm -9:00pm at Railroad Park and within downtown boundaries.

VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews(abstain). Motion approved 3-0

X. REPORTS:

Mayor: Charles Borchers stated the airshow was a success.

Council: Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that the airshow was great. She also thanked the water department for their prompt response to a water leak.

XI. 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

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**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



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
OCTOBER 28, 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 (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 () 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 30th. 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

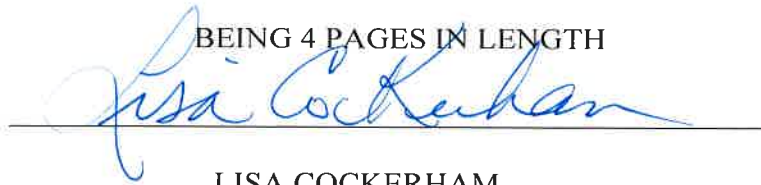
There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned

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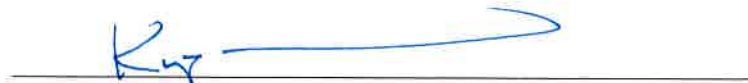
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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
NOVEMBER 18, 2025
5:30pm**

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 it 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

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**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
December 9, 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 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)

Charles Borchers, explained the ordinance.

Councilman Wells entered the meeting.

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

Charles Borchers explained the ordinance.

3. 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 his reasons for proposing the ordinance.

Kellie Monroe, asked to add language for groups licensed by Louisiana Department of Health to exclude them.

Susan Spring, stated licensed group homes should be exempted.

Jacqueline Taylor, stated that group homes have to be run right, people need help and group homes are good for Hammond.

Tory Rocca, stated concern about the ordinance and asked to exclude state licensed facilities for persons with disabilities.

Monique Blossom, concerned about the effect on housed for people with disabilities under the Fair Housing Act.

Charles Borchers, stated that there is an amendment to the UDC on group homes pending for review by city council – asked for any comments to the proposal. Council should consider reducing time of moratorium or table the moratorium.

Sal Nicolsi, asked about adult living area in the downtown area and he supports the moratorium.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about the enforcement and permits. She doesn't think that the moratorium is needed.

Charles Borchers explained permits and licensing by city.

Councilman Leon, stated the council needs to focus on amendments proposed by the city planner.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated they should not rush to approve things.

Pam Haynes, stated that 90 days is not enough time and the moratorium should be longer and they need to take their time.

Councilman Wells, stated that his community has concerns and needs time to review.

Councilman Andrews, stated that the problem is where these facilities are located.

Leon Maryland, stated the issue is a lack of transparency and the difference between group home and sober living facility.

Toni Jackson, stated that people can have moved people into their homes and are not regulated.

Whitney Clark, should have rules in place but doesn't think 365 days is needed.

Jeremy Weatherspoon, asked what is the problem, they should look for solutions.

4. An ordinance to amend billboard requirements in the Unified Development Code (Charles Borchers). Charles Borchers, explained the difference in option 1 & Option 2.

Scott Jones, does not support option 1 and has some concerns over option 2.

Paxton Morreaux, stated that option 2 is more agreeable with changes.

John Jackson, asked who regulations benefits. He asked why is there an issue and should have no rules.

Ron Matthews, thinks there should be no new billboards, but options are recommended and thinks that the council should vote tonight.

David Hobbs, asked council to defer vote for more study.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
December 9 , 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 November 18, 2025 Meeting

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Wells to approve the minutes of November 18, 2025 Meeting.

VOTE: Councilman DiVittorio (absent), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion Approved 4-0

VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:

OLD BUSINESS

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Sherri Brown Jackson to Rezone 806 Mooney Ave from RS-3 to RM-2 in District 3 for the construction of a duplex. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adopting (3-0).

Councilman DiVittorio, raised questions regarding spot zoning.

Councilman Andrews, asked to table the item because the applicant could not be here.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to table the adoption of an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Sherri Brown Jackson to Rezone 806 Mooney Ave from RS-3 to RM-2 in District 3 for the construction of a duplex. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adopting (3-0).

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Final adoption 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.

Charles Borchers, explained the ordinance and the reason for the request.

Sammy Paul, stated he is concerned about the economy. Everything went up in the city and people can't afford it. He stated it should not be raised until the economy is right.

Councilman Wells, stated it should not be talked about since the Mayor is not present and the item should be tabled.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated he does not support the ordinance.

Pam Haynes asked could the ordinance be amended.

Michael Otkins, asked who came up with the amount of the increase.

Stanley Campbell, asked about the salary increase.

Sal Nicolosi, thinks the item should be tabled.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to adopt 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 Andrews (N), Councilman Wells (N) Councilman DiVittorio (N) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Motion failed 2-3

2. Final adoption 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)

Councilman Wells stated he does not support a raise.

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

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (N), Councilman Wells (N) Councilman DiVittorio (N) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Motion fails 2-3

3. Final adoption 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)

Councilman Leon, stated this does not address the problem and the council should vote on the recommendations of the city planner.

Councilman DiVittorio, supports the ordinance.

Councilman Andrews, thinks the ordinance should be 180 days and exempt group homes that are licensed by the Louisiana Department of Health.

Pam Haynes, thinks they need to take time and they need a plan.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated that the ordinance doesn't address the problem.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to adopt 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 Andrews (Y), Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (N), Councilman Leon (N), Motion approved 3-2

4. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend billboard requirements in the Unified Development Code. Scott Jones, for option 2, he made suggestions for changes and stated that small companies should not be punished.

John Jackson, asked what is the driving force behind this ordinance?

Paxton Moreaux, stated that option 1 is not acceptable and has suggested changes to option 2.

Pam Haynes, asked about the percentage of billboards owned.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to adopt option 1 to an ordinance to amend billboard requirements in the Unified Development Code.

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

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1 Introduction 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) Mary Lavigne, was available for questions.

Councilman Wells, stated that he thinks there should be a meeting to review the request.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells to introduce 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

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the cocktail tasting event Art of the Cocktail held on Saturday, February 28, 2026 from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm. The fundraising event will take place inside the Hammond Regional Arts Center located at 217 E. Thomas Street, as well as on the eastern half of Morrison Park Alleyway.

Melissa Griffin, explained the event.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the Hammond Regional Arts Center to serve, sell, or otherwise handle alcohol during the cocktail tasting event Art of the Cocktail held on Saturday, February 28, 2026 from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm. The fundraising event will take place inside the Hammond Regional Arts Center located at 217 E. Thomas Street, as well as on the eastern half of Morrison Park Alleyway.

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

2. A resolution to grant a waiver of the city of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Hammond Regional Arts Center during the cocktail-sampling event Art of the Cocktail held on Saturday, February 28, 2026 from 5:00pm - 9:00pm. The fundraising event will take place inside the Hammond Regional Arts Center located at 217 E. Thomas Street, as well as on the eastern half of Morrison Park Alleyway. (Melissa Griffin)

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Wells to grant a waiver of the city of Hammond's Open Container Law to the Hammond Regional Arts Center during the cocktail-sampling event Art of the Cocktail held on Saturday, February 28, 2026 from 5:00pm - 9:00pm. The fundraising event will take place inside the Hammond Regional Arts Center located at 217 E. Thomas Street, as well as on the eastern half of Morrison Park Alleyway.

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

3. A resolution to approve the 2026 Alcohol Renewal for The Brown Door. (Kasey Daigle)

John Feduccia, Attorney for the Brown Door was available for questions and asked for approval.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilwoman Gonzales approve the 2026 Alcohol Renewal for The Brown Door.

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

4. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office and the Hammond Police Department for the Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area regional task force.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office and the Hammond Police Department for the Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area regional task force.

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

5. Review and ratify bids received 12/04/2025 for "Airport East Utility Extension" – project no. 616-12603.

Mitchell D. Roniger, explained the item and recommends the award to the low bidder Greenbriar Diggins Service, LP in the amount of \$ 140,940.00.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to review and ratify bids received 12/04/2025 for "Airport East Utility Extension" – project no. 616-12603.

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

6. Review and ratify bids received 11/20/2025 for "Al-Ida Street Improvements" – project no. 420-12604.

Mitchell D. Roniger, explained the item and recommends the award to the low bidder Arbour Construction, LLC in the amount of \$ 398,687.00

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio to review and ratify bids received 11/20/2025 for "Al-Ida Street Improvements" – project no. 420-12604.

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

7. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of a \$12,000 grant application to the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership to purchase new and replacement body armor for Hammond police officers; and 2) supporting a cash match of \$12,000 from the Hammond Police Department.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the grant.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales 1) supporting the submission of a \$12,000 grant application to the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership to purchase new and replacement body armor for Hammond police officers; and 2) supporting a cash match of \$12,000 from the Hammond Police Department.

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

8. A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 15, 2025, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales approved a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 15, 2025, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

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

9. A Resolution to authorize the Purchase of 6 Dodge Durango's from Premier Dodge for a total of \$ 268,597 .68 State Contract # 4400023795.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Jaqualine Taylor, Hammond, LA, asked if the officers take the cars home.

There was a motion by **Councilman Leon** and second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to authorize the Purchase of 6 Dodge Durango's from Premier Dodge for a total of \$ 268,597 .68 State Contract # 4400023795

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

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the agenda to go back and consider final adoption item one under old business which was had been tabled. An ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Sherri Brown Jackson to Rezone 806 Mooney Ave from RS-3 to RM-2 in District 3 for the construction of a duplex.

VOTE: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman Wells (Y) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Motion approved 5-0 to amend the agenda and reconsider

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and second by **Councilman Wells** to adopt an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Sherri Brown Jackson to Rezone 806 Mooney Ave from RS-3 to RM-2 in District 3 for the construction of a duplex. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adopting (3-0).

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: Mayor out of town at a convention, He sent a message that the Blue Angels will be at the 2027 airshow. Miniature train will be running on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Zemurray Park

Council:

Councilman Wells, asked about Christmas lights in Mooney Park and to enjoy the holiday's

He also invited Mr Williams to come up to discuss his concerns about accidents on the corner near his home. He asked if a stop sign could be placed on the corner.

Natalie Edwards, expressed the same concern and would like a stop sign to be placed at the location.

Councilman Andrews, enjoy your family and holiday.

X . ADJOURN:

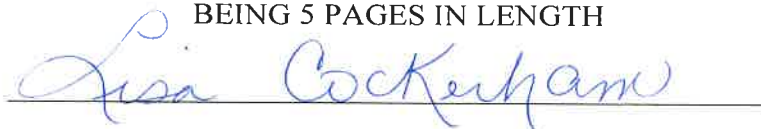
There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned

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December 9, 2025

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