



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

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman Andrews

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

**III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. An Ordinance to to correct Ordinance No.26-5790 Regarding Rezoning of 803, 807, and 809 South Oak Street.

Charles Borchers explained the item.

Councilman Wells entered the meeting

No public comment.

2. An Ordinance to approve a request Robert Penn for a Major Subdivision on Hewitt Road, in District

3. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0)

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Robert Penn, owner, explained the project.

Donald Carter, lives in the area and is concerned about safety and traffic.

Councilman Wells, asked for a traffic study in the area.

Councilman DiVittorio, stated they should look at requirements for a traffic study.

Charles Borchers, stated that this project does not require a traffic study.

Councilman Andrews, thinks there should be a traffic study in the area.



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

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Councilman Andrews

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

**III. PRAYER:** Bishop Soule

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of March 10, 2026 Meeting.

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

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

**VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE:**

1. Final adoption of an Ordinance to to correct Ordinance No.26-5790 Regarding Rezoning of 803, 807, and 809 South Oak Street.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman DiVittorio to adopt an Ordinance to to correct Ordinance No.26-5790 Regarding Rezoning of 803, 807, and 809 South Oak Street.**

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

2. Final adoption of an Ordinance to approve a request by Robert Penn for a Major Subdivision on Hewitt Road, in District 3. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0)

**There was a motion by Councilman Wells second by Councilman DiVittorio to adopt an Ordinance to approve a request by Robert Penn for a Major Subdivision on Hewitt Road, in District 3. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0)**

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

#### **VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:**

1. Introduction of an Ordinance to approve a Major Subdivision by Trent Anthony at 401 J. W. Davis Drive, in District 3. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0)

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Trent Anthony, owner, explained the project.

Charity Frye, Hammond, stated that Hammond does not have affordable housing and asked the council to support this ordinance.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman Wells to introduce an Ordinance to approve a Major Subdivision by Trent Anthony at 401 J. W. Davis Drive, in District 3. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0)**

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

2. Introduction of an Ordinance to Name the Pavilion in Martin Luther King, Jr Park, The Maxine Dixon Pavilion in honor of Maxine Dixon.

Councilman Andrews explained the item and reasons for the naming.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an Ordinance to Name the Pavilion in Martin Luther King, Jr Park, The Maxine Dixon Pavilion in honor of Maxine Dixon**

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

3. Introduction of an Ordinance to Name the Softball Field in Martin Luther King, Jr Park in honor of Leon "Blue" McCray.

Councilman Andrews explained the item and reasons for the naming..

Donald Carter, spoke in support of the ordinance.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an Ordinance to Name the Softball Field in Martin Luther King, Jr Park in honor of Leon "Blue" McCray.**

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

4. Introduction of an Ordinance to Name the Basketball Court in Martin Luther King, Jr. Park in Honor of Wilfred Don Stepteau.

Councilman Andrews explained the item and reasons for the naming..

Leon Maryland, spoke in support of the ordinance.

Henry Jackson, spoke in support of the ordinance

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman Wells to introduce an Ordinance to Name the Basketball Court in Martin Luther King, Jr. Park in Honor of Wilfred Don Stepteau.**

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

5. Introduction of an Ordinance to Name the Safe Haven Building in Martin Luther King, Jr Park in honor of Dr. Clara V. Robertson.

Councilman Andrews explained the item and reasons for the naming.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an Ordinance to Name the Safe Haven Building in Martin Luther King, Jr Park in honor of Dr. Clara V. Robertson.**

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

6. Introduction of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances Regarding Renewal, Suspension and Revocation of Alcohol Permits and Related Matters.

Councilman Andrews, explained the item.

**There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances Regarding Renewal, Suspension and Revocation of Alcohol Permits and Related Matters.**

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

#### **VIII. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract on behalf of The City of Hammond with Curtis Environmental Services, Inc., in the estimated annual amount of \$55,484.00.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

David Curtis, owner, explained the company services.

Councilman Wells, asked about the prior contract and city consultant on environmental services and whether it was in the budget. He stated he wanted it to be clear he didn't see this in the budget.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked if this was coming from the water and sewer budget and if they had enough to cover this item.

**There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales second by Councilman Leon authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract on behalf of The City of Hammond with Curtis Environmental Services, Inc., in the estimated annual amount of \$55,484.00.**

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

2. A resolution ratifying and accepting a quote from Superior Recreational Products to purchase three picnic pavilions for Mooney Avenue Park in the amount of \$41,040 for RFP 20-26

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

**There was a motion by Councilman Wells second by Councilman Andrews ratifying and accepting a quote from Superior Recreational Products to purchase three picnic pavilions for Mooney Avenue Park in the amount of \$41,040 for RFP 20-26**

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

#### **IX. REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** Spring is here, Chili Cookoff, Farmers Market, be aware of families. BBQ & Blues this weekend. The 2026 LA Preservation Conference will in in town this week.

#### **Council:**

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about Villa West lights, Our Daily Bread and Lincoln Park homes

Councilman Wells, asked about 501 Mooney Ave which is an eye sore. Old houses need to be torn down, stated a house on Palmetto needs to be torn down.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about getting an updated list from code enforcement on demolitions.

Councilman Andrews, asked about demolitions and house on Cherry Street

Councilman Leon, asked about demolitions in his district.

Stanley Campbell, District 1, asked about Hewitt Rd project and amending UDC for restrictions on new developments.

Donald Carter, Hammond, has issues with trees.

Councilman Andrews, asked about new construction on Industrial Park Road and a study to be done. He also stated that he received information from State Police on the Bobby McCaskey incident. They stated they will not look at it because the FBI has already looked into it.

Pam Haynes, Hammond, asked about reporting potholes.

#### **X. ADJOURN:**

**There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. Motion to adjourn 5-0**

#### **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

March 24, 2026

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LISA COCKERHAM

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

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PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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