



CITY OF HAMMOND ORDINANCE

No. _____ C. .S.

**An Ordinance to Name the Pavilion in Martin Luther King, Jr Park
The Maxine Dixon Pavilion in honor of Maxine Dixon**

WHEREAS, Maxine Dixon was born in Hammond, Louisiana on August 15, 1935 to Wesley and Nellie Stewart Raddler; and

WHEREAS, Maxine had an interest in learning and understood the importance of a good education. She graduated from Greenville Park Colored High School as valedictorian in 1953, in three years, and thereafter attended Southern University on a full music scholarship earned a B.A. in Music Education; and

WHEREAS, While attending Southern, Maxine was involved in several organizations. She pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and remained a strong and active member of that sisterhood her entire life; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Southern, Maxine returned to Hammond and began her career with the Tangipahoa Parish School System as an interim Music Teacher, who traveled the entire parish bringing Music Education to the various schools. While working at Greenville Park she helped form and organize the Glee Club; and

WHEREAS, While serving as an interim music teacher Maxine became aware that children with social needs were often left with no direction. She then attended Louisiana State University and received her Master's Degree in Special Education from Louisiana State University and later attended Southeastern Louisiana University to attain additional certifications in Administration and Supervision 30. She then accepted a position with Woodland Park Elementary School as a Special Education Teacher; and

WHEREAS, Maxine was later offered and accepted the position of principal at Mooney Avenue Elementary School where she worked until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, After retiring, Maxine was approached by several people who told her she was still needed in the school's system and asked her to run for a seat on the school board. In October 1990 she was elected to the Tangipahoa Parish School Board and served on the school board for three terms and was elected President of the School Board during one of those terms; and

WHEREAS, Maxine was a member of Greenfield Baptist Church and a member of the Mission Society where she was instrumental in the start of the Senior Mission Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner. Maxine also served as the Kiwanis Youth Services Committee Chair and on the Board of The American Cancer Society and The Port Commission of South Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Maxine was married to Charles B. Dixon and she has three beautiful daughters, namely Denise, Vanessa and Ericka and two grandchildren, Chase and Chandler; and

WHEREAS, the life of Maxine Dixon should be honored and memorialized by the naming of the Pavilion in Martin Luther King Jr Park in her memory.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Hammond City Council that:

1. The Pavilion in Martin Luther King, Jr Park shall be named the Maxine Dixon Pavilion in honor of Maxine Dixon.

The above and foregoing ordinance having being duly submitted to the Hammond City Council in writing; introduced at a public meeting on _____, 2026 of the Hammond City Council and discussed at a public meeting held on _____, 2026.

On a motion by _____ and second by _____ the foregoing ordinance was hereby declared adopted on _____ by the following roll call vote:

VOTE: Kip Andrews (), Carlee White Gonzales (), Sam DiVittorio (), Steve Leon () Devon Wells (). Motion _____

WHEREFORE the above and foregoing ordinance was declared duly adopted on this _____ day of _____, 2026 at Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana.

Kip Andrews President,
Hammond City Council

Honorable Pete Panepinto, Mayor

Lisa Cockerham, Clerk Hammond City Council