



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
May 12, 2026
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING

1. An ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Encore Enterprises, Inc (Farrah Laciura) to rezone 44590 Falcon Drive from C-N to I-L for a warehouse. The property is located in District 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Farrah Laciura, present to answer questions.

No public comment

2. An ordinance to approve a Major Subdivision request by Becky Harper at 47103 Conrad E. Anderson. The property is located in District 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Dee Dee Willis, present to answer questions.

No public comment

3. An ordinance by the City Planner to amend Signage and Notices from the City's Unified Development Code, (UDC). The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).

Councilman DiVittorio, explained the ordinance and the reasons for the change.

Charles Borchers expressed concerns that the proposed sign is not practical. He thinks that the planning and zoning recommendation should be used. He also thinks there could be an issue with vinyl lettering.

Councilman Wells, entered the meeting.

Mike Barnhold, thinks the sign should be large so it can be distinguished from other signs.

City Attorney Andre Coudrain noted changes to the ordinance as introduced based on comments from the prior meeting.



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
May 12, 2026**

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Andrews

II. ROLL CALL: Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman Andrews (P), Councilman Wells (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman DiVittorio (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 April 28, 2026 Meeting.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales second Councilman Leon to approve Minutes of April 28, 2026.

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

VI. Presentation, Councilman Andrews- presented Officer Eric Watson Hammond Police Department an award and gave recognition for his bravery at the Tangipahoa Parish alternative school in protecting everyone from violence.

VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Encore Enterprises, Inc (Farrah Laciura) to rezone 44590 Falcon Drive from C-N to I-L for a warehouse. The property is located in District 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0). Charles Borchers, asked for approval. Councilman Wells enters meeting.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** second **Councilwoman Gonzales** to adopt an ordinance to approve a rezoning request by Encore Enterprises, Inc (Farrah Laciura) to rezone 44590 Falcon Drive from C-N to I-L for a warehouse. The property is located in District 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).

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

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve a Major Subdivision request by Becky Harper at 47103 Conrad E. Anderson. The property is located in District 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0). Charles Borchers, asked for approval.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second Councilwoman Gonzales to adopt an ordinance to approve a Major Subdivision request by Becky Harper at 47103 Conrad E. Anderson. The property is located in District 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).

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

3. Final adoption of an ordinance by the City Planner to amend Signage and Notices from the City’s Unified Development Code, (UDC). The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).

Councilman DiVittorio, explained the reason for the change.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second Councilman DiVittorio to adopt an ordinance as amended by the City Attorney to amend Signage and Notices from the City’s Unified Development Code, (UDC). The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).

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

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond’s budget for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 with a budget work session to follow on May 29, 2026 and a public hearing to follow on June 9, 2026. Charles Borchers IV, distributed hard copies of the budget to the council.

Councilman Andrews, asked the council to get with the city engineer on projects.

Councilman Wells, asked the public to come to the meeting to give their input.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond’s budget for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 with a budget work session to follow on May 29, 2026 and a public hearing to follow on June 9, 2026.

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

2. Introduction of an ordinance to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the items listed to sell on Govdeal.com

UNIT	DESCRIPTION	MILEAGE	VIN	PROBLEMS WITH UNIT
1006	2014 Expedition		1FMJU1F57EEF10921	Needs new motor
	2013 DODGE CHARGER		2C3CDXBG7DH509903	No title due to vehicle being seized and a lien on it. Parts car only
600	2007 CHRYSLER	61,787	2C3LA43R77H603825	Obsolete components:A/C in-Operative and cannong be re-Paired due to parts avail-Ability and needs a new Transmission.
995	2013 TAHOE	125,333	1GNLC2EOXDR259466	Needs new motor
760	2009 CROWN VIC	94,229	2FAHP71V29X123689	Needs new motor & wiring
242	2006 CADILLAC ESCALADE		1GYEC63T35R145407	Seizure, inside destroyed

and has been flooded

1099	2017 TAHOE	74,411	1GNCLEDCOHR159632	Damage wiring harness; electrical issues front to back.
1088	2016 TAHOE	108,614	1GNCLDEC5GR381453	Engine block cracked/ thrown rod
1040	2011 CHEVROLET IMPALA		2G1WG5EK0B1244664	Seizure, needs a new transmission and the interior needs replacing
994	2013 TAHOE		1GNLC2E02DR263107	Needs motor
1044	2015 EXPLORER	106,678	1FM5K8AR7FGA94241	Needs transmission and catalytic converter
976	2012 TAHOE	141,814	1GNLC2E08CR326841	Needs new motor
1087	2016 TAHOE	160,417	1GNLCDEC2GR382737	A/C system inoperative and needs motor
400	2008 WOOD BW 1800		1108510	Front tongue damaged; gearbox failure; deck/ hull rusted;tires in poor conditions; hub damaged
100	2015 HISUN UTV		LWGMDXZ07FA000050	All seats require replacement. The engine engine is misfiring and and in poor condition. the transmission and rear differential both need replacement, and parts are difficult to locate due to availability.
442	1999 DODGE RAM		3B6MC3657XM539143	Needs new motor
3705	9000 LB 2 POST AUTO LIFT		937250	Needs safety locks, cylinder leaks will not meet/pass code
567	2004 FORD F150		2FTRX17W44CA26683	Needs motor
	2007 TAHOE		1GNFC13C57R372492	Needs new motor and transmission
592	2005 FORD F250		1FTNF20595EB30803	Needs motor, A/C system inoperative
7131	6X12 PULL TRAILER 3500 LB			Axle and tires missing; tongue bent; unit not operational
5288	TRAILER, LEAF DUMPING		16VDX102711E41941	
			4FT BUSH HOG	Gear box broke
			6FT BUSH HOG	Deck rusted out and gear box broken

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance to to declare as surplus and authorize the sale of the items listed to sell on Govdeal.com

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

IX. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution levying the following millages on the 2026 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by City of Hammond:

MILLAGE

General Alimony, General Fund.....	9.040 Mills
Fire, Fire Millage Fund / Police, Police Millage Fund	10.000 Mills
Public Works, General Fund.....	2.000 Mills
Total Mills.....	21.040 Mills

Charles Borchers, explained the item

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales second by Councilman Andrews to adopt a resolution for levying the following millages on the 2026 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by City of Hammond:

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Total Mills	21.040

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

2. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 701 East Louisiana Ave. Hammond La, located in Council District 2. The owner: Jessie L. Hamby and Laurel St, 701 EAST LOUISIANA AVE HAMMOND LA 70403 State of La. Parish of Tangipahoa c/o SRI, Inc. Attention: Nada Garza 8082 Bash St. Indianapolis, IN 46250 (Larry Pines)

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the demolition of property located at 701 East Louisiana Ave. Hammond La, located in Council District 2. The owner: Jessie L. Hamby and Laurel St, 701 EAST LOUISIANA AVE HAMMOND LA 70403 State of La. Parish of Tangipahoa c/o SRI, Inc. Attention: Nada Garza 8082 Bash St. Indianapolis, IN 46250

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

3. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 601 South Mooney, Hammond La, located in Council District 3. The owner WILLIE V. NEWSOME, 601 S MOONEY HAMMOND LA 70403 Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff c/o SRI, Inc. 8024 Bash Street Indianapolis, IN 46250. (Larry Pines)

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio authorizing the demolition of 601 South Mooney, Hammond La, located in Council District 3. The owner WILLIE V. NEWSOME, 601 S MOONEY HAMMOND LA 70403 Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff c/o SRI, Inc. 8024 Bash Street Indianapolis, IN 46250.

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

4. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 1403 Corbin Road, Hammond LA., located in Council District 3. The owner James Jerome Drake, Sr. P. O. Box 292 Ponchatoula, LA 70454, Lee Sbis Collins 300 North Holly Street, Hammond, LA 70401. (Larry Pines)

There was a motion by Councilman Wells and second by Councilman DiVittorio authorizing the demolition of property located at 1403 Corbin Road, Hammond LA., located in Council District 3. The owner James Jerome Drake, Sr. P. O. Box 292 Ponchatoula, LA 70454, Lee Sbis Collins 300 North Holly Street, Hammond, LA 70401.

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

5. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 201 Mississippi Street, Hammond LA. located in Council District 3. The owner HARRIS DIANE M. , P O BOX 333 HAMMOND LA 70401.

Councilman Wells, stated he had contact with the owner and she asked for a 30 days extension for demolition.

There was a motion by **Councilman Wells** second **Councilman DiVittorio** giving the property owner a 30 day extension on the demolition of property located at 201 Mississippi Street, Hammond LA. located in Council District 3. The owner HARRIS DIANE M. , P O BOX 333 HAMMOND LA 70401.

Vote: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). Motion for 30 day extension 5-0

6. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 2808 Garner Hammond La. located in Council District 4. The owner WESTLEY OLIVER, 2808 GARNER ST HAMMOND LA 70401.

Mosley Oliver, owner present, stated that he was trying to fix it himself and asked for more time.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio second Councilman Andrews agree to table the Authorization of the demolition of property located at 2808 Garner Hammond La. located in Council District 4. The owner WESTLEY OLIVER, 2808 GARNER ST HAMMOND LA 70401.

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

7. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 2804 Garner Hammond LA, located in Council District 4. The owner UNITED COMPANIES FINANCIAL CORPORATION, P O BOX 1351 HAMMOND LA 70404 United Companies Financial Corporation Attn: Rebecca A. Roof P. O. Box 1681 Baton Rouge, LA 70821, Lillie Barton 501 Edwin Neill Way, #36 Hammond, LA 70403, Roosevelt Barton Jr. 19176 Lincoln Lane Hammond, LA 70403, Kristen Blackburn 703 Washington Street Hammond, LA 70403, David Comb 3539 Ridgeway Road Memphis, TN 38115, Vonzell Barton, Dunyell Barton , Jerrell Barton, Cherelle Barton, Chanetryell Hurst 606 Washington Street Hammond, LA 70401. (Larry Pines)

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the demolition of property located at 2804 Garner Hammond LA, located in Council District 4. The owner UNITED COMPANIES FINANCIAL CORPORATION, P O BOX 1351 HAMMOND LA 70404 United Companies Financial Corporation Attn: Rebecca A. Roof P. O. Box 1681 Baton Rouge, LA 70821, Lillie Barton 501 Edwin Neill Way, #36 Hammond, LA 70403, Roosevelt Barton Jr. 19176 Lincoln Lane Hammond, LA 70403, Kristen Blackburn 703 Washington Street Hammond, LA 70403, David Comb 3539 Ridgeway Road Memphis, TN 38115, Vonzell Barton, Dunyell Barton , Jerrell Barton, Cherelle Barton, Chanetryell Hurst 606 Washington Street Hammond, LA 70401.

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

8. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 2804 B Garner Hammond LA, located in Council District 4. The owner UNITED COMPANIES FINANCIAL CORPORATION, P O BOX 1351 HAMMOND LA 70404 United Companies Financial Corporation Attn: Rebecca A. Roof P. O. Box 1681 Baton Rouge, LA 70821 Lillie Barton 501 Edwin Neill Way, #36 Hammond, LA 70403 Roosevelt Barton Jr. 19176 Lincoln Lane Hammond, LA 70403 Kristen Blackburn 703 Washington Street Hammond, LA 70403 David Comb 3539 Ridgeway Road Memphis, TN 38115 Vonzell Barton, Dunyell Barton , Jerrell Barton, Cherelle Barton, Chanetryell Hurst 606 Washington Street Hammond, LA 70401. (Larry Pines)

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

9. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 615 Barnes Hammond LA, located in Council District 4. The owner: ELLA M OLIVER, 615 BARNES STREET HAMMOND LA 70401. Trustee, Successor in Interest to Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Mid-State Trust XI 800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402, Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing P. O. Box 10826 Greenville SC 29603-0826, Alvin Scott 615 Barnes Street Hammond, LA 70401. (Larry Pines)

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the demolition of property located at 615 Barnes Hammond LA, located in Council District 4. The owner: ELLA M OLIVER, 615 BARNES STREET HAMMOND LA 70401. Trustee, Successor in Interest to Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Mid-State Trust XI 800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402, Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing P. O. Box 10826 Greenville SC 29603-0826, Alvin Scott 615 Barnes Street Hammond, LA 70401.

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

10. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 608 East Michigan Hammond La, located in Council District 1. The owner: MARIE R JOHNSON, C/O CATHERINE GRADY 1706 PALMETTO STREET HAMMOND LA 70403 Parish of Tangipahoa c/o CIVICSOURCE Attn: Leo Sayer 935 Gravier Street, Suite 1700 New Orleans, LA 70112. (Larry Pines)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the demolition of property located at 608 East Michigan Hammond La, located in Council District 1. The owner: MARIE R JOHNSON, C/O CATHERINE GRADY 1706 PALMETTO STREET HAMMOND LA 70403 Parish of Tangipahoa c/o CIVICSOURCE Attn: Leo Sayer 935 Gravier Street, Suite 1700 New Orleans, LA 70112.

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

11. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 17039 Holten Hill Hammond La, located in Council District 1. The owner: KENDRICK L DAWSON & GLORIA C L, 300 LABREA BLVD MCDONOUGH GA 30253. (Larry Pines)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells authorizing the demolition of property located 17039 Holten Hill Hammond La, located in Council District 1. The owner: KENDRICK L DAWSON & GLORIA C L, 300 LABREA BLVD MCDONOUGH GA 30253.

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

12. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 1307 N Harvey Hammond La Hammond LA, located in Council District 1. The owner: TAYLOR WANZA, 1400 HARVEY STREET HAMMOND LA 70401. (Larry Pines)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the demolition of property located 1307 N Harvey Hammond La Hammond LA, located in Council District 1. The owner: TAYLOR WANZA, 1400 HARVEY STREET HAMMOND LA 70401.

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

13. A resolution authorizing the demolition of property located at 608 Campo Hammond La, located in Council District 1. The owner: DANIELS WALTER, 903 MARTIN LUTHER KING HAMMOND LA 70401. Occupant 608 Campo Street Hammond, La. (Larry Pines)

Councilman Andrews, staed that he had contact with Daniel Walters and he asked for a 30 day extension.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second Councilman Wells approve a 30 day extension on the demolition of property located at 608 Campo Hammond La, located in Council District 1. The owner: DANIELS WALTER, 903 MARTIN LUTHER KING HAMMOND LA 70401. Occupant 608 Campo Street Hammond, La.

Vote: Councilwoman Gonzales(Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y). motion to approve 30 day extention 5-0

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

X. REPORTS:

Mayor: No report

Council:

Councilman Wells asked about stray dogs and cas on Wells Drive. He also thanked the Mayor for Speed bumps. He asked that the laws be enforced at Mooney Park concerning smoking in the park.

Councilman DiVittorio, thanked the Mayor for work being done at the intersection and the drainage.

Councilman Andrews, asked members of the council to make contact with the city engineer about projects and he will reach out to council members about the budget.

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. 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

TRANSACTIONED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD

May 12, 2026

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LISA COCKERHAM

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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