



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

June 9, 2026

5:30pm

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. PUBLIC HEARING

1. An ordinance to approve a Rezoning by Tamika Dillon, to rezone 1605 West Church Street from RM-2 to MX-N, for her massage business, Body Maintenance, located in District 4. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).

Tamika Dillion was available for questions.

Jesse Jones stated that he was concerned about the parking and hours of operation.

2. An ordinance to approve a Major Subdivision by Sergio Mesa at 700 and 702 East Thomas Street, 105 South Chestnut Street, and 711 East Morris Avenue, located in District 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).

Sergio Mesa was available for questions.

No public comment

3. An ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use by Laquetta Hills at 110 Alexander Road, to allow for a mobile home in District 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).

Laquetta Hills was available for questions

No public comments.

4. An ordinance adopt the City of Hammond's budget for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Charles Borchers, stated proposed amendments were attached to the agenda.



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

June 9, 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 May 26, 2026 Meeting.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales secondby Councilman Leon to approve Minutes of May 26, 2026.

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

VI. PRESENTATION: Mr. Joe Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer Tangipahoa Parish, provided information on the Parish tax renewal for the health unit and gave an explanation of the Parish street overlay program and roads.

VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve a Rezoning by Tamika Dillon, to rezone 1605 West Church Street from RM-2 to MX-N, for her massage business, Body Maintenance, located in District 4. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0).(Charles Borchers)

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio second by Councilman Wells to adopt an ordinance to approve a Rezoning by Tamika Dillon, to rezone 1605 West Church Street from RM-2 to MX-N, for her massage business, Body Maintenance, located in District 4.

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

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve a Major Subdivision by Sergio Mesa at 700 and 702 East Thomas Street, 105 South Chestnut Street, and 711 East Morris Avenue, located in District 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0). (Charles Borchers)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman DiVittorio to adopt an ordinance to approve a Major Subdivision by Sergio Mesa at 700 and 702 East Thomas Street, 105 South Chestnut Street, and 711 East Morris Avenue, located in District 1.

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

3. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use by Laquetta Hills at 110 Alexander Road, to allow for a mobile home in District 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (3-0). (Charles Borchers)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman Wells to adopt an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use by Laquetta Hills at 110 Alexander Road, to allow for a mobile home in District 1.

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

4. Final adoption of an ordinance adopt the City of Hammond's budget for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027. (Charles Borchers)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman Wells to table an ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond's budget for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

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

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of Ordinance to Name the Courtroom in the Leon Ford Memorial Justice Building in honor of Judge Grace Bennett Gasaway.

Councilman Andrews, explained the reason for the ordinance.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales second by Councilman Wells to introduce an ordinance to Name the Courtroom in the Leon Ford Memorial Justice Building in honor of Judge Grace Bennett Gasaway.

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

IX. RESOLUTIONS:

Old Business:

1. 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. Charles Borchers presented the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Wells second by Councilman Andrews to authorize 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 Andrews (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y). Motion approved 5-0

2. 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. Charles Borchers, presented the item.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio second by Councilman Wells to authorize 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 Andrews (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y). Motion Approved 5-0

3. 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.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman Wells to authorize 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 (absent), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y). Motion approved 4-0

New Business:

1. Review and consider appeal by Christopher Edwards, owner of the property located at 408/410 W. Thomas Street.

Christopher Edwards, request an appeal of the Historic District Commission decision and requestd a reversal of the decision of the commission to deny his application.

Heather Diebold, Historic District Coordinator, explained the reasons for the commissions decision.

Thomas Nielson, asked about the painting of the building.

Leon Maryland, stated that rules doesn't require that the building can't be painted.

Jessica Shirey, chairperson for the Historic Commission stated they have been here before and where do they go from here. The council needs to be clear.

Katie Patton, stated they should reconsider the guidelines because this would improve the property .

There was a motion by Councilman Leon second by Councilwoman Gonzales to reverse the Historic District's Decision and approve the certificate of appropriateness to Christopher Edwards for painting the exterior of the building according to the application.

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

2. A resolution to approve the Mayor to enter into a contract with The Tangi Times as the Official Journal for the City of Hammond, from July 1, 2026- June 30,2027.

Charles Borchers, asked that the item be tabled for further review.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman Wells to table this item.

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

3. A resolution accepting a Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant in the amount of \$11,074.10 to purchase new and replacement body armor for Hammond police officers; 2) approving a \$11,074.10 cash match from the Hammond Police Department; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Charles Borchers, explained the grant.

Councilman Wells, asked if police officers were required to wear vests.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman Wells accepting a Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant in the amount of \$11,074.10 to purchase new and replacement body armor for Hammond police officers; 2) approving a \$11,074.10 cash match from the Hammond Police Department; and 3) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

4. A resolution to 1) accept a \$5,000 award from the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Affiliate Grant Program to help fund a city-wide litter prevention and recycling education initiative; and 2) support a 15% in-kind match in volunteer hours.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilwoman Gonzales 1) accept a \$5,000 award from the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Affiliate Grant Program to help fund a city-wide litter prevention and recycling education initiative; and 2) support a 15% in-kind match in volunteer hours.

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

5. A resolution 1) accepting a \$1,941,677 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for "Runway 13-31 Rehabilitation (North)" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the grant.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilwoman Gonzales 1) accepting a \$1,941,677 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for "Runway 13-31 Rehabilitation (North)" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

6. A resolution 1) accepting a \$102,194 grant from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Aviation Division for "Runway 13-31 Rehabilitation (North)" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the grant

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales second by Councilman Leon 1) accepting a \$102,194 grant from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Aviation Division for "Runway 13-31 Rehabilitation (North)" at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

7. A resolution ratifying bids and awarding the contract for "Runway 13-31 Rehabilitation (North)" to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, R.J. Daigle & Sons Contracting Inc., in the amount of \$1,937,597.50. Funding for the project will come from FAA and DOTD Aviation---from which the Council accepted \$150,000 in initial funding on January 13, 2026.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales second by Councilman Andrews resolution ratifying bids and awarding the contract for "Runway 13-31 Rehabilitation (North)" to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, R.J. Daigle & Sons Contracting Inc., in the amount of \$1,937,597.50. Funding for the project will come from FAA and DOTD Aviation---from which the Council accepted \$150,000 in initial funding on January 13, 2026.

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

8. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Work Authorization in the amount of \$140,400.94 with Michael Baker International for "Runway 13-31 Rehabilitation (North)." Funding for the work authorization will come from FAA and DOTD Aviation---from which the Council accepted \$150,000 in initial funding on January 13, 2026.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the Mayor to execute a Work Authorization in the amount of \$140,400.94 with Michael Baker International for "Runway 13-31 Rehabilitation (North)." Funding for the work authorization will come from FAA and DOTD Aviation---from which the Council accepted \$150,000 in initial funding on January 13, 2026.

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

9. A resolution approving the City's holiday closing schedule for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman DiVittorio approving the City's holiday closing schedule for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

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

10. Ratify and award bids received 06/05/2026 for "Pedestrian Bridges – N. Cherry Street"--project no. 420-12629.

Mitch Roniger, P.E., explained the item and recommended that the bid be awarded to Sage Construction, LLC. In the amount of \$453,075.86.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Wells Ratify and award bids received 06/05/2026 for "Pedestrian Bridges – N. Cherry Street"--project no. 420-12629. Recommends award to Sage Construction, LLC in the amount of \$453,075.86.

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

Charles Borchers requested that the council reconsider item # 9 A resolution approving the City's holiday closing schedule for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to add the federal election day November 3 to the list of City holidays.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman Leon to reconsider the City's holiday closing schedule to add November 3.

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

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman Wells adding federal election day November 3 to the approved City's holiday closing schedule for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

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

X. REPORTS:

Mayor: Stated the Regional Planning Commission approved a roundabout on Industrial Road and Highway 190. Summer camp has started and swim meets at the city pool. He thanked First Guaranty Bank for sponsoring the summer programs.

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio asked about the city and state holiday's.

Councilman DiVittorio asked about drainage and vegetation. He talked about the buggys and trash on Harden Dr.

Ms. Golden, Anderson St. stated that the area was an eye sore and needed to be cleaned up.

Councilman Wells wants more patrols in District 3 . He also stated that the water fountain in the park doesn't work and it should be connected to the bathrooms. He is concerned about the safety of the kids in the park and people smoking. He doesn't want any smoking in Mooney Park. He also said they are gambling on the basketball court. The police needs to start writing tickets. Something has to be done. He also asked about the timeline for the splash pad and fence. Asked for an update on the walking trail in the park.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the lighting in Villa West.

Mr. Dangerfield, Wilbert Dangerfield Dr., concerned about a hole in the sidewalk and he also thanked the Police Chief and Mayor for their response.

Joyce Cox thanked the city for the speed bump and asked about a side walk in the 1100 block of S. Spruce St.

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. Motion to adjourn 5-0

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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

June 9, 2026

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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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