



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
June 23, 2026
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING

1. An Ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond budget for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 in accordance with the procedures set within Section 5-03 of the City of Hammond Charter. (Charles Borchers)

No public comments

2. An 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.

Leon Maryland, Hammond, stated he supports the ordinance.

Ms. Bobby Carter, Hammond, stated she supports the ordinance.

Councilwoman Gonzales, spoke in support of the ordinance.

Councilman Leon, spoke in support of the ordinance.

Councilman Wells, spoke about his experience in city court.



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6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Kip Andrews

II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Andrews (P), Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman DiVittorio (P), Councilman Wells (P), Councilman Leon (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 9, 2026 Meeting.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve the minutes of June 9, 2026.

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

VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance to adopt the City of Hammond budget for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 in accordance with the procedures set within Section 5-03 of the City of Hammond Charter.

Charles Borchers, displayed the proposed amendments to the budget that were discussed at the budget work sessions.

Councilman Wells, asked about proposed amendments. He also asked some young men from the community what they would like to see in Mooney Park. They stated they wanted football, pool, game room and gym.

Councilman Wells spoke about the needs for Mooney Park.

There was a motion by **Councilman DiVittorio** and second by **Councilman Andrews** to amend the budget as presented with the 23 proposed amendments which were hyperlinked with the agenda

Votes: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y)

Motion Approved to amend the budget 5-0

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** and Second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to adopt the budget as amended :

Votes: Kip Andrews (Y), Carlee White Gonzales (Y), Sam DiVittorio (Y), Steve Leon (Y), Devon Wells (Y)

Motion Approved 5-0

2. Final adoption of Ordinance to Name the Courtroom in the Leon Ford Memorial Justice Building in honor of Judge Grace Bennett Gasaway. (Councilman Andrews)

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

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

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1.Introduction of an ordinance to approve a Variance by Tom Pistorius to allow construction of the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity house at 1504 North Oak Street, in District 2. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0).

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Tom Pistorius was available to answer questions.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to introduce an ordinance to approve a Variance by Tom Pistorius to allow construction of the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity house at 1504 North Oak Street, in District 2.

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

2. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a Rezoning by Andrew Faller of Tract B-1, (previously 2700 Westpark Avenue), to be changed from RS-11 to MX-C, in District 4. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0)

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Michael Watkins, North Oaks was available to answer questions and explained the purpose and plans.

Sylvester Marshall, asked about the need to change the zoning.

Bobby Carter, stated she has a problem with the fence in the rear.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** second by **Councilman DiVittorio** to introduce an ordinance to approve a Rezoning by Andrew Faller of Tract B-1, (previously 2700 Westpark Avenue), to be changed from RS-11 to MX-C, in District 4.

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

3. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a Major Subdivision by Andrew Faller at 2700 Westpark Avenue, in District 4. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0)

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by **Councilwoman Gonzales** second by **Councilman Andrews** to introduce an ordinance to approve a Major Subdivision by Andrew Faller at 2700 Westpark Avenue, in District 4.

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

4. Introduction of an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use by Elaine Frazier at 904 Holton Hill Lane for placement of a mobile home, in District 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0)

Charles Borchers, explained the item

Owner was unable to attend.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** second by **Councilman Wells** to introduce an ordinance to approve an Expanded Conditional Use by Elaine Frazier at 904 Holton Hill Lane for placement of a mobile home, in District 1.

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

5. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a Street Renaming by Councilman Kip Andrews to change East Crystal Street to Charlie Muse Drive, in District 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0) (Charles Borchers)

Councilman Andrews explained the item.

Ms. Bobby Carters spoke in support of the ordinance.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** second by **Councilman Wells** to introduce an ordinance to approve a Street Renaming by Councilman Kip Andrews to change East Crystal Street to Charlie Muse Drive, in District 1.

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

6. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a Street Renaming by Yashica Ard to change Campo Street to Saul Cryer Sr. Drive, in District 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (4-0) (Charles Borchers)

Yashica Ard, spoke about ordinance.

There was a motion by **Councilman Andrews** second by **Councilwoman Gonzales** to introduce an ordinance to approve a Street Renaming by Yashica Ard to change Campo Street to Saul Cryer Sr. Drive, in District 1.

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution confirming the reappointment of Kylan Douglas to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 4-year term beginning June 14, 2026 and ending June 14, 2030. (Charles Borchers)

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman Andrews confirming the reappointment of Kylan Douglas to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 4-year term beginning June 14, 2026 and ending June 14, 2030.

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

2. A resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into Contract with Pure Elegance Cleaning Service LLC for janitorial services for the Recreation Department in the Amount of \$48,000.00 annually. (Charles Borchers)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the Mayor to enter into Contract with Pure Elegance Cleaning Service LLC for janitorial services for the Recreation Department in the Amount of \$48,000.00 annually.

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

3. A resolution to authorize the mayor to enter into contract on behalf of The City of Hammond with Galls LLC., in the estimated annual amount of \$40,000 for Hammond Police Uniforms. RFP 27-08 (Charles Borchers)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to authorize the mayor to enter into contract on behalf of The City of Hammond with Galls LLC., in the estimated annual amount of \$40,000 for Hammond Police Uniforms. RFP 27-08

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

4. A resolution to authorize the mayor to enter into contract on behalf of The City of Hammond with Galls LLC, the estimated annual amount of \$30,700 for Hammond Fire Department Uniforms. RFP 27-07. (Charles Borchers)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to authorize the mayor to enter into contract on behalf of The City of Hammond with Galls LLC., in the estimated annual amount of \$30,700 for Hammond Fire Department Uniforms. RFP 27-07.

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

5. A resolution granting the Hammond Downtown Development District a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Ordinance for Hot August Night on Saturday, August 22, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, within the event boundaries of Railroad Park and the surrounding downtown area bounded by Robert Street, Cherry Street, Coleman Avenue, and Magnolia Street.

Michelle Kendall, explained the event.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the car show.

Councilman Wells, asked about security.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon granting the Hammond Downtown Development District a waiver of the City of Hammond's Open Container Ordinance for Hot August Night on Saturday, August 22, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, within the event boundaries of Railroad Park and the surrounding downtown area bounded by Robert Street, Cherry Street, Coleman Avenue, and Magnolia Street.

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: No report

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about Lincoln Park area, Westdale and monitoring system for parks. He also asked about lighting in Villa West.

Councilman Leon, asked about the work that AT&T was doing in the area/installing fiber.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated the Jeff Dow girls basketball camp is this weekend, Camp Blue, the Hammond Police Department summer camp is going on. She also wanted to remind everyone of the 4th of July event in Zemurray Park from 6-9 pm.

Councilman Wells, asked about a fence in Mooney Park, trees on JW Davis and Live Oak, a Reunion in Mooney Park this weekend and they need security.

Councilman Andrews, thanked the council, Spangler Engineer and city administration for their working together on the budget.

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. 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

June 23, 2026

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LISA COCKERHAM

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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