



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
July 14, 2026
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER : Councilman Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING

1. 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.

No public comment.

2. 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 items.

Glenda Fleichmen- asked what is going on and what are they putting in that location.

Councilman DiVittorio, explained what they were doing.

3. 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)

Elaine Frazier was present for questions.

No public comment

4. 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)

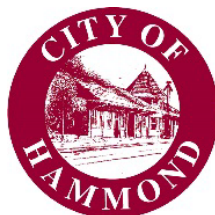
Councilman Andrews, explained the item and the reason for his request.

No public comment

5. 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)

Yashica Ard was present for questions.

No public comment



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
July 14, 2026**

6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Andrews

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

III. PRAYER: Councilman Kip Andrews

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of June 23, 2026 Meeting.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales second by Councilman Leon to adopt the Minutes of the June 23, 2026 Meeting.

Vote:Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (absent), Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 3-0

VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption 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)

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales second by Councilman Leon to adopt 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).

Vote:Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (absent),Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 3-0

2. Final adoption 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)

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

Vote:Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (absent),Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 3-0

3. Final adoption 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)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilwoman Gonzales to adopt 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:Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (absent),Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 3-0

4. Final adoption 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) (Councilman Andrews)

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

Vote:Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (absent),Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 3-0

5. Final adoption 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) (Yashica Ard)

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

Vote:Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (absent),Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 3-0

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1.An Ordinance adopting an unassigned fund balance policy and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Councilman Andrews, explained the item,

Stanley Campbell asked about the targets in the ordinance.

Tracy Wells, asked about the ordinance.

Charles Borchers explained the intent of the ordinance.

Councilman DiVittorio, returned to the meeting.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance adopting an unassigned fund balance policy and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Tangipahoa Communication District #1 in the amount of \$121,223 for 911 services for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. Funding will come from the Fire Millage.

Chief Daniel Folks, explained the item

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked about the agreement.

Councilman Wells entered the meeting.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales second by Councilman Leon authorizing the Mayor to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Tangipahoa Communication District #1 in the amount of \$121,223 for 911 services for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. Funding will come from the Fire Millage.

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

2. A Resolution to purchase a Kubota KX030-4R1 Excavator in the amount of \$49,215.92 from Star Equipment, State Contract # 4400034371.

Charles Borchers explained the item.

Councilman Wells, asked about the budget and thinks that items from last year should be finished first.

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the current excavators.

Mayor Panepinto explained the projects and the status.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales second by Councilman Leon to approve the purchase a Kubota KX030-4R1 Excavator in the amount of \$49,215.92 from Star Equipment, State Contract # 4400034371

Vote: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (N), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 4-1

3. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with The Daily Star to serve as the Official Journal of the City for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio second by Councilman Andrews authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with *The Daily Star* to serve as the Official Journal of the City for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

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

4. A resolution 1) adopting the 2026 Tangipahoa Parish Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official hazard mitigation plan for Hammond; and 2) supporting continued participation in the mitigation planning process and implementation of mitigation actions identified in the Plan as resources and funding allow.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Tracy Wells, Hammond, asked about the timeline of the mitigation plan and why pass the item without the councils review.

There was a motion by Councilman Gonzales second by Councilman Leon 1) adopting the 2026 Tangipahoa Parish Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official hazard mitigation plan for Hammond; and 2) supporting continued participation in the mitigation planning process and implementation of mitigation actions identified in the Plan as resources and funding allow.

Vote: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (N), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 4-1

5. A resolution to reappoint George Bergeron to represent the Hammond Police Department on the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a 3-year term beginning July 30, 2026 and ending July 29, 2029. (Angelo Monistere)

Charles Borchers, explained the item

George Bergeron was present and questioned the dates on the appointment.

City Attorney Andre Coudrain stated the dates were based on a letter from the State Examiner and the prior council appointment.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman DiVittorio to table the reappointment George Bergeron to represent the Hammond Police Department on the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a 3-year term until the council received clarity of the appointment dates. **Vote:** Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion to table 5-0

6. A resolution to appoint Cody Moore to represent the Hammond Fire Department on the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a 3-year term beginning July 30, 2026 and ending July 29, 2029.

Daniel Folks was present.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilwoman Gonzales to table the appointment of Cody Moore to represent the Hammond Fire Department on the Hammond Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board for a 3-year term until the council received clarity of the appointment dates. **Vote:** Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion to table 5-0

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: spoke about downtown issues, enforcement and lighting.

Brian Shirey, Hammond, stated that the downtown business owners will be getting together to discuss how to make things safe.

Council:

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about security in Jackson Park and that the detail needs to move to the front and not inside the park. He also asked about the code enforcement list and that an update be sent to him. He was concerned about drainage on Timberlane and Rue De la Paix as well as lights in Villa West and Westdale.

Councilman Wells asked about the water fountain in Mooney Park. He also talked about a drainage ditch being stopped up near Mooney Park. He thanked the administration that the splash pad was working. Bobby Carter, Hammond, spoke about an issue she had with swimming lessons, she expressed her concerns and stated that improvements were needed. Winda Andrews, spoke about the Jericho Walk, Saturday from 9am -3pm in Zemurray Park. Councilman Andrews, asked about ditches and drains, thanked the Charles Borchers for the follow up on Martin Luther King Park and stated he will be sending emails on other matters of concern.

X . 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

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

July 14, 2026

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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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