



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
July 28, 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 adopting an unassigned fund balance policy and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Councilman Andrews, explained the ordinance.

No public comment



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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 (Y),

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 July 14, 2026 Meeting.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales second by Councilman Leon to adopt the Minutes of the July 14, 2026 Meeting.

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

VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of Ordinance adopting an unassigned fund balance policy and providing for other matters in connection therewith. (Councilman Andrews)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilwoman Gonzales adopting an ordinance 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

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a Major Subdivision by Carmack Properties No. 2, LLC for a Major Subdivision at 2301 West Church Street, in District 4. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (5-0)

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman DiVittorio to introduce an ordinance to approve a Major Subdivision by Carmack Properties No. 2, LLC for a Major Subdivision at 2301 West Church Street, in District 4.

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

2. Introduction of an ordinance by the City Planner to amend the allowed uses in Industrial Zonings in the City's Unified Development Code, (UDC). The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption (5-0)

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Tracy Wells, asked about the changes.

Councilman Wells entered the meeting.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilwoman Gonzales to table an Ordinance by the City Planner to amend the allowed uses in Industrial Zonings in the City's Unified Development Code, (UDC).

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

3. Introduction of an ordinance to declare the intention to obtain full ownership of property adjudicated to the City of Hammond located at 312 Wilbert Dangerfield Drive under LSA RS 47:2236, authorizing the sale of the property to the adjoining landowner pursuant to LSA RE 47:2202 and providing for related matters.

Andre Coudrain, City Attorney, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman Wells to introduce an ordinance to declare the intention to obtain full ownership of property adjudicated to the City of Hammond located at 312 Wilbert Dangerfield Drive under LSA RS 47:2236, authorizing the sale of the property to the adjoining landowner pursuant to LSA RS 47:2202 and providing for related matters.

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. 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.

George Begeron, was present for questions.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman DiVittorio 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.

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

2. 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, Hammond Fire Chief, explained the process.

Cody Moore, was present for questions.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilwoman Gonzales 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.

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

3. A Resolution to purchase a Ford F350 dump body truck in the amount of \$73,639.90 from Bill Hood Auto Group, State Contract # 4400023793.

Charles Borchers, explained the item and stated that it will replace a 30-year-old truck.

Councilman Wells, stated that he has a problem with the use of money, when the projects from last year are unfinished.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon second by Councilwoman Gonzales to purchase a Ford F350 dump body truck in the amount of \$73,639.90 from Bill Hood Auto Group, State Contract # 4400023793

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

4. A Resolution to purchase a Ford F250 pickup with 8' Knapheide service body in the amount of \$59,662.80 from Bill Hood Auto Group, State Contract # 4400023793

Charles Borchers, explained the item and that it replaces a 2003 truck.

Councilman Wells, sated he still has unfinished projects in District 3.

There was a motion by Councilman Leon second by Councilman Andrews to purchase a Ford F250 pickup with 8' Knapheide service body in the amount of \$59,662.80 from Bill Hood Auto Group, State Contract # 4400023793

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

5. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for animal services with Tangipahoa Parish Government in the amount of \$58.75 from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the items

Councilman DiVittorio, asked about the number of calls received and would like to have statistics from Animal Services

Laurie Henderson, stated she has been having problem with animals on Wells Dr.

Councilman Wells, talked about the problem with animals being picked up and would like someone to attend the next meeting.

Thomas Nielson, Hammond, has a problem with animal control not responding on pit bulls and data is needed before agreement is approved.

Councilman Andrews, asked what services will they provide under the contract.

Councilwoman Gonzales, there are problems with animal control service but animal control is needed.

Councilman DiVittorio, we don't have any stats on their system and there is problem with their services. We need to improve the process.

Tracy Wells, she stated this is an administration problem and the contract should have been brought in after the budget was passed. How can you pay someone almost sixty thousand dollars with no data. two weeks will not make a difference. They need to be present to answer questions this is an administration issue.

Councilman Leon, stated that he wanted his opinion noted and they need to pass the contract and the contract is past due. His opinion is to pass the contract.

Councilman Andrews, requested that someone from Animal Control be present at the next city council meeting to address the council.

Andre Coudrain, stated we should correct the amount and can also put in the motion that someone from animal control be requested to attend the next meeting to address the issues and concerns.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilman DiVittorio to amend the agenda to change the amount to \$58,752.00 and at the councils request a representative from Tangipahoa Animal Control Services attend the next council meeting to provide information on the services provided under the contract.

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

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales second by Councilman Andrews to approve the resolution as amended.

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

6. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for public transportation services with the Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging in the amount of \$60,000 from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Councilwoman Gonzales, asked who maintains the bus stops.

Councilman Wells, stated he had problems with the route and would like a stop in the park.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for public transportation services with the Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging in the amount of \$60,000 from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

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

Presentation for the Jericho Walk, Elder Andrews spoke of the Jericho Walk that took place at Zemurray Park. She thanked the people that supported the event. She introduced the members.

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: Back to school bash is this Friday at Hammond Westside Montessori from 9am to 12 pm

Council:

Anthony Perkins, 809 E. Church, stated he has some problems with the sewer cavity, debris behind his house and street lights that are out.

Stanley Campbell, District 1 asked about the building department's meeting.

Ronald Dangerfield, has a problem with flooding and debris that needs to be cleaned up. He stating that lighting helps with crime. He said that streetlights are being shot out.

Henry Jackson, happy about the streets being named after people who have benefited the community.

Richard Jackson, spoke in support of Anthony Perkins.

Councilman DiVitterio, asked about lights in Villa West, water bill problems and asked for an update on the flood study.
Councilman Wells asked about the splashpad and water in Mooney Park. He also talked about problems with the meter readers. Ditch needs to be cleaned on the north side of Mooney.

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 28, 2026

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HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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