HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
October 27, 2026
5:30pm

I. CALL TO ORDER : Councilman Andrews

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

III. PUBLIC HEARING:
1. An ordinance approving a request by David Clemmons to complete a major subdivision and rezoning of adjacent properties to create a single C-N parcel at 1205 North Morrison Boulevard in District 4. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption, (4-0) This major subdivision and rezoning are contingent upon Mr. Clemmons producing proof of ownership of associated property that he is acquiring from Don Alack Jr. and Don Alack Sr.
Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.
David Clemmons, was present to answer questions.
There was no public comment

2. An ordinance to amend fees for leases and services at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport by adding a six cents per square foot per month fee for the rental of private apron/ramp.
Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.
There was no public comment

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REGULAR MINUTES
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6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Andrews

II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Andrews (P), Councilman Leon (P), Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman Wells (absent), 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 October 27, 2026 Meeting.
There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to adopt the Minutes of October 13, 2026 Meeting.
Vote: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 4-0

VI. PRESENTATION: Bishop E. Rene Soule, Berean Community Development Corporation, explained the mission and purpose of the company for housing development

VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Final adoption of an ordinance approving a request by David Clemmons to complete a major subdivision and rezoning of adjacent properties to create a single C-N parcel at 1205 North Morrison Boulevard in District 4. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption, (4-0) This major subdivision and rezoning are contingent upon Mr. Clemmons producing proof of ownership of associated property that he is acquiring from Don Alack Jr. and Don Alack Sr. (Charles Borchers IV)

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to adopt an ordinance approving a request by David Clemmons to complete a major subdivision and rezoning of adjacent properties to create a single C-N parcel at 1205 North Morrison Boulevard in District 4. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption, (4-0) This major subdivision and rezoning are contingent upon Mr. Clemmons producing proof of ownership of associated property that he is acquiring from Don Alack Jr. and Don Alack Sr.

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

2. Final adoption of an ordinance to amend fees for leases and services at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport by adding a six cents per square foot per month fee for the rental of private apron/ramp. (Charles Borchers IV)

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to adopt an ordinance to amend fees for leases and services at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport by adding a six cents per square foot per month fee for the rental of private apron/ramp. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption, (4-0)

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

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance approving a request by Joshua Merrifield for an Expanded Conditional Use for a mobile home at 500 M.C. Moore Road, in District 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends adoption (4-0)

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance approving a request by Joshua Merrifield for an Expanded Conditional Use for a mobile home at 500 M.C. Moore Road, in District 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends adoption (4-0)

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 approving a request by Dottie Calderone, on behalf of the Louis Tallo Estate for a Rezoning at 1328 South Magnolia Street from RM-2 to MX-C, in District 3. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends adoption (3-1)

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

Ron Matthews addressed the action of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilman DiVittorio to table an ordinance approving a request by Dottie Calderone, on behalf of the Louis Tallo Estate for a Rezoning at 1328 South Magnolia Street from RM-2 to MX-C, in District 3. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends adoption (3-1)

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

3. Introduction of an ordinance to amend Rule V-12 of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual for City Employees 1) to correct the unintentional omission of the Retirement Group Insurance Plan from the manual and 2) to authorize benefit cards for participants under this plan.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Tony Strahan, former city firefighter asked the Council to continue the benefits.

Kevin Hauck, former Hammond Police Officer, asked about the process and asked that they continue the benefits.

Brian McCormack, former Hammond Police Department, asked about the process and asked that the benefits continue.

Stanley Campbell, asked about cost and number of affected retirees.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance to amend Rule V-12 of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual for City Employees 1) to correct the unintentional omission of the Retirement Group Insurance Plan from the manual and 2) to authorize benefit cards for participants under this plan.

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

IX. RESOLUTIONS:

1.A resolution to ratify and award bids received 10/22/2026 for “Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements [FY 2027]” – project no. 420-12705.

Mitchell D. Roniger, explained the items and recommends award to Warner Construction in the amount of $596,770.00

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and **second by Councilwoman Gonzales** to Ratify and award bids received 10/22/2026 for "Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements [FY 2027]" – project no. 420-12705 to Warner Construction in Amount of $597,770.00.

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

2. .A resolution authorizing the purchase of equipment (for the New 2026 Dodge Durango's) from Southeast Safety Solutions for the Total of $66,878.66.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon authorizing the purchase of equipment (for the New 2026 Dodge Durango's) from Southeast Safety Solutions for the Total of $66,878.66.

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

3. A resolution 1) accepting a $100,000 grant from the Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council to purchase two law enforcement vehicles and related equipment; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is no match requirement.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales 1) accepting a $100,000 grant from the Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council to purchase two law enforcement vehicles and related equipment; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. There is no match requirement.

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

4. A resolution 1) supporting the submission of an $35,912.97 grant application to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to purchase a digital fire extinguisher training system for the Hammond Fire Department.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales 1) supporting the submission of an $35,912.97 grant application to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to purchase a digital fire extinguisher training system for the Hammond Fire Department.

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

5. A resolution supporting 1) the submission of a $16,170 grant application to the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership to purchase new and replacement body armor for Hammond police officers; and 2) a cash match of $16,171 from the Hammond Police Department.

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales supporting 1) the submission of a $16,170 grant application to the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership to purchase new and replacement body armor for Hammond police officers; and 2) a cash match of $16,171 from the Hammond Police Department.

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

6. A resolution 1) authorizing the Mayor to enter into a reimbursable agreement with FAA in the amount of $96,775.54 for installation and the first 2 years' of maintenance of a FAA mission support line at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport and 2) approving the use of Grant Match Funds to cover this cost. Following installation and the first 2 years' of maintenance, FAA will assume future costs associated with the mission support line.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Chris Goodman, stated that this was important and supports the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio1) authorizing the Mayor to enter into a reimbursable agreement with FAA in the amount of $96,775.54 for installation and the first 2 years' of maintenance of a FAA mission support line at Hammond Northshore Regional Airport and 2) approving the use of Grant Match Funds to cover this cost. Following installation and the first 2 years' of maintenance, FAA will assume future costs associated with the mission support line.

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

X. REPORTS:

Mayor: Charles Borchers stated everyone should vote in the upcoming election

Council:

Councilman DiVittirio asked about lights in Villa West and water in Lakewood.

Councilwoman Gonzales, stated Boo at the Rec is Thursday, Halloween is Saturday night 5pm to 8pm. Veteran's Luncheon will be on November 5th at 11:30 am

Councilman Andrews, stated Thursday at 5pm there will be the city courtroom dedication in honor of Grace Gasaway.
Talked about open meetings law requirements.

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 4-0

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

I LISA COCKERHAM, CLERK OF COUNCIL DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVEAND FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECITATION OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD;

OCTOBER 27, 2026

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LISA COCKERHAM

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

CLERK

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PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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