HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
October 13, 2026
5:30pm

I. CALL TO ORDER : Councilman Andrews
II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (absent)
III. PUBLIC HEARING:
1. An ordinance to approve a Rezoning by Cindy Lozier, on behalf of Thomas Depaula to Rezone 1445 South Morrison Boulevard from RS-11. A to C-H, to match the surrounding property zonings, located in District 3. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption, (4-0) Charles Borchers, explained the item.
Cindy Lozier, available for questions.
Brittney Reason, was present with applicant.
No Public Comment

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REGULAR MINUTES
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October 13, 2026
6:00pm or at conclusion of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER : Councilman Andrews
II. ROLL CALL: Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Wells (absent)
III. PRAYER: Pastor Chester
IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All veterans and active military, please render the proper salute.
V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2026 Meeting.
There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to adopt the Minutes of September 22, 2026, 2026 Meeting.
Vote: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 4-0
VI. PRESENTATION: NONE
VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:
1. Final adoption of an ordinance to approve a Rezoning by Cindy Lozier, on behalf of Thomas Depaula to Rezone 1445 South Morrison Boulevard from RS-11. A to C-H, to match the surrounding property zonings adoption, (4-0) (Charles Borchers)
There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to approve a Rezoning by Cindy Lozier, on behalf of Thomas Depaula to Rezone 1445 South Morrison Boulevard from RS-11 A to C-H, to match the surrounding property, located in District 3.
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 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 item.
There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio **and second by** Councilman Andrews to introduce 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. Introduction 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, explained item.
Mayor Pete Panepinto, stated this would apply to the end of long term leases, when tenants are on a month to month lease.
Chris Goodman, Hammond, recommends approval.
There was a motion by Councilman Andrews **and second by** Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce 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.
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 accept the proposed health insurance package for calendar year 2027.
Henry Powell, presented the package for renewal for city employees, with a rate decrease with no benefit changes.
There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to accept the proposed health insurance package for calendar year 2027.
Vote: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 4-0
2. A resolution granting the Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee a waiver of open container law for the Holy Ghost Parish Fair from 4:00-9:00 p.m. Friday, November 6, 2026, from 10:00 am.-9:00 p.m. Saturday, November 7, 2026, and from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Sunday, November 8, 2026. The event will take place within the boundaries of Northwest Railroad Avenue, West Colorado Street, North Magnolia Street, and the railroad track.
Brittney Reason, was available for questions.
There was a motion by Councilman DiVittorio and second by Councilwoman Gonzales granting the Holy Ghost Parish Fair Committee a waiver of open container law for the Holy Ghost Parish Fair from 4:00-9:00 p.m. Friday, November 6, 2026, from 10:00 am.-9:00 p.m. Saturday, November 7, 2026, and from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Sunday, November 8, 2026. The event will take place within the boundaries of Northwest Railroad Avenue, West Colorado Street, North Magnolia Street, and the railroad track.
Vote: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Andrews (Y) Motion approved 3-0
3. A resolution to purchase a commercial swimming pool heater in the amount of $59,205.00 from Mystic Pools.
Charles Borchers, explained the item.
There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman DiVittorio to purchase a commercial swimming pool heater in the amount of $59,205.00 from Mystic Pools.
Vote: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 4-0
4. A resolution to purchase 6 dash camera's for the Hammond Police Department $39,217.26.
Charles Borchers, explained the item.
There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to purchase 6 dash camera's for the Hammond Police Department $39,217.26.
Vote: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 4-0
5. A resolution to approve Brad's Restaurant located at 1700 North Morrison Blvd, Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant and also their 2027 Renewal. The owner is Brad's Restuarant, LLC.
Charles Borchers, explained the item.
Brad Leon, was present for questions.
There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales to approve Brad's Restaurant located at 1700 North Morrison Blvd, Hammond, LA 70403 to obtain an alcohol permit for a restaurant and also their 2027 Renewal. The owner is Brad's Restuarant, LLC.
Vote: Councilwoman Gonzales (Y), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (recused) Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 3-0
6. A resolution to approve Annual Alcohol Renewals for 2027.
Charles Borchers, explained the item.
There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilman Leon to approve Annual Alcohol Renewals for 2027
Vote: Councilwoman Gonzales (abstain), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Leon (Y) Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 3-0
7. A resolution to accept a $50,175 grant from the Traffic Safety Grant Program for Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, Speeding, and Juvenile Underage Drinking Enforcement, and authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents
Charles Borchers, explained the item.
There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Leon to accept a $50,175 grant from the Traffic Safety Grant Program for Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, Speeding, and Juvenile Underage Drinking Enforcement, and authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents
VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 4-0
8. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Creative Engineering Group, LLC in the amount of $59,000 for engineering services associated with and to be paid for by State Appropriation RS-25-676, which provides $600,000 to design, acquire, and install new street lighting in historic downtown Hammond.
Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.
Councilwoman Gonzales, asked where the lighting is going.
There was a motion by Councilman Andrews and second by Councilwoman Gonzales authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Creative Engineering Group, LLC in the amount of $59,000 for engineering services associated with and to be paid for by State Appropriation RS-25-676, which provides $600,000 to design, acquire, and install new street lighting in historic downtown Hammond.
VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 4-0
9. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Maintenance Agreement Including Mowing and Litter Pickup for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027 between the City of Hammond and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. This amendment will provide up to $24,037.50 in additional funding to the City to complete up to 5 additional mowings/litter collections this fiscal year—increasing total funding up to $43,267.50.
Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.
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VOTE: Councilman Wells (absent) Councilman DiVittorio (Y) Councilwoman Gonzales (Y) Councilman Leon (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y). Motion approved 4-0
X. REPORTS:
Mayor: Stated there was a vacancy on Historic District Board, contact Heather Diebold if interested. Everyone be careful for Halloween, recreation department has their Boo event and haunted house.
Council: Councilman DiVittorio asked about lights in Villa West and abandoned cars.
Councilman Leon, stated AT&T cut power lines on Pecan Dr and he is pushing hard to get lights repaired. He also talked abou students on motorized vehicles, and it's unsafe and people needs to be careful around the university.
Councilwoman Gonzales, announced events in her district.
Councilman Andrews, announced Hammond High Homecoming this weekend.
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 ATRUE AND CORRECT RECITATION OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD;

OCTOBER 13, 2026

BEING 3 PAGES IN LENGTH

LISA COCKERHAM

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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