



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
312 EAST CHARLES STREET
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
August 25, 2026
5:30pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilman Andrews

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

Council President Andrews announced that he received a letter questioning the council's compliance with the State Open Meetings law. He further stated that in consultation with the city attorney, he will not allow discussion or comment of a matter not on the published agenda. If a member of the public wishes to speak on an agenda item, that person should approach the podium to be recognized while that item is being discussed. The three minute time limit per person for public comment will be enforced.

He also announced during council reports, only members of the council will be allowed to speak. Council reports should be limited to announcements or a report involving activities in your district. Questions to the administration or to others of a matter not on the agenda should be handled outside of the council meeting.

He stated as a reminder, a violation of the Open Meetings law may result in a fine or the public official ordered to pay attorney fees and court costs incurred by the complaining party.

He stated members of the public with issues in their district should speak with their council member. Issues on city matters should be directed to the mayor's office.

III. PUBLIC HEARING: None



**HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL
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), Councilwoman Gonzales (P), Councilman Wells (absent), Councilman Leon (P), Councilman DiVittorio (P),

III. PRAYER: Isiah Douglas

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of August 11, 2026 Meeting.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales second by Councilman Leon to adopt the Minutes of the August 11, 2026 Meeting.

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

Presentation: Will Davis, Grand Marshall at the October 31, 2026 Veterans Parade, spoke about the parade and invited everyone to attend.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales and second by Councilman Andrews to amend the agenda for a presentation by Mr. Will Davis about the Veterans Parade.

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

VI. FINAL ADOPTION OF MOTION: NONE

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

1. Introduction of an ordinance to approve a Rezoning by Neal Warren at 305 Hewitt Road from MX-N to MX-C, in District 3. The Planning and Zoning Commission, hearing no opposition, recommends adoption, (5-0)

Charles Borchers, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews second by Councilwoman Gonzales to introduce an ordinance to approve a Rezoning by Neal Warren at 305 Hewitt Road from MX-N to MX-C, in District 3.

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. A resolution 1) accepting a \$380,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for equipment for the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport Tower; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Stanley Campbell, asked questions about equipment and the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews second by Councilman DiVittorio 1) accepting a \$380,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for equipment for the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport Tower; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

2. A resolution 1) accepting a \$75,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for equipment for the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport Tower; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews second by Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales 1) accepting a \$75,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for equipment for the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport Tower; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

3. A resolution 1) accepting a \$300,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for constructing airport hangars; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Stanley Campbell asked questions about the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Sam DiVittorio second by Councilman Kip Andrews 1) accepting a \$300,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for constructing airport hangars; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

4. A resolution 1) accepting a \$200,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for intersection improvements including curbing; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon second by Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales 1) accepting

a \$200,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for intersection improvements including curbing; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

5. A resolution 1) accepting a \$200,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for the Hammond Police Department; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. Charles Borchers IV, explained the item, he stated this is for the police training center.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales second by Councilman Steve Leon 1) accepting a \$200,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for the Hammond Police Department; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

6. A resolution 1) accepting a \$80,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for police training center upgrades; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews second by Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales 1) accepting a \$80,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for police training center upgrades; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

7. A resolution 1) accepting a \$50,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for landscaping on Hipark Boulevard; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales second by Councilman Steve Leon 1) accepting a \$50,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for landscaping on Hipark Boulevard; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

8. A resolution 1) accepting a \$50,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for landscaping on Southwest Railroad Avenue; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Gonzales second by Councilman Kip Andrews 1) accepting a \$50,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for landscaping on Southwest Railroad Avenue; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

9. A resolution 1) accepting a \$50,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for catch basins and culverts in Council District 2; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents. Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Councilwoman Gonzales asked about the location of the area.

Stanley Campbell, asked about the appropriation.

There was a motion by Councilman Kip Andrews second by Councilman Steve Leon 1) accepting a \$50,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana for catch basins and culverts in Council District 2; and 2) authorizing the Mayor or his designee to complete and sign related documents.

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

10. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office and the Hammond Police Department for the Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area regional task force.

Charles Borchers IV, explained the item.

Ronald Dangerfield, Wilbert Dangerfield Dr, asked about the use of the funds.

Stanley Campbell, asked for funding in the city high crime areas and the use of funds.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon second by Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office and the Hammond Police Department for the Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area regional task force.

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

11. Ratify and award bids received 08/20/2026 for "Morrison Alley Parking Lot Improvements" – project no. 420-12627.

Alex E. Hatcher, explained the project and recommends the award to the low bidder, Coastline Construction Group, LLC in the amount of \$164,525.00 for base bid and alternate No. 1.

There was a motion by Councilman Steve Leon and second by Councilwoman Carlee Gonzales to Ratify and award bids received 08/20/2026 for "Morrison Alley Parking Lot Improvements" – project no. 420-12627. Recommends award to the low bidder Coastline Construction Group, LLC in the amount of \$164,525.00.

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

IX. REPORTS:

Mayor: School is back in session, be careful with buses and school zones. Hot August Stroll was a success. Merry Go Round in Cate Square Park has been installed and should open soon.

Council: Councilman DiVittorio, asked about lights in Villa West.

Councilman Leon stated that Entergy is doing tree trimming and they will pick up the limbs when they are done. AT&T is doing some work, they cut some lines and they were fixed. Entergy fixed some lights. Concerned about motorized scooters in the area around Southeastern.

Councilman Andrews, thanked the committee on the police retirement Memorial Wall.

X. ADJOURN:

There was a motion by Councilman Leon and second by Councilwoman Gonzales 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 ABOVE AND

FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECITATION OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED

AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD;

August 25, 2026

BEING 3 PAGES IN LENGTH

LISA COCKERHAM

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PRESIDENT, KIP ANDREWS

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

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