

Pete Panepinto
Mayor

July 6, 2018

Veto Statement for Ordinance No. 18-5564 C. S.

An ordinance to An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000) of Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, of the City of Hammond, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, fixing the parameters thereof and providing for the rights of the owners thereof; providing for the payment of such bonds and the application of the proceeds thereof; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

To the Council:

I have vetoed this ordinance because I believe taking out \$15 million in bonds for the projects discussed by the Council at the June 26, 2018 meeting will jeopardize the City's future growth. Bonds should be used for big projects or big problems. Every citizen who addressed the Council at the public hearing was against the bonds. Every email and written correspondence that I've received has been against the bonds. Every letter to the editor in the newspaper was against the bonds. Every person who came to my office or who called me spoke against the bonds.

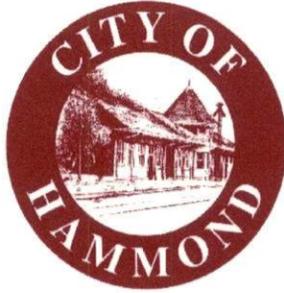
I am also concerned that the projects discussed have never been published in the official journal or attached to the Council agenda. Instead, the total amount of bonds proposed and the project list have changed several times in the course of a single month.

Good government listens to the people and works to ensure understanding and participation.

I urge you to uphold my veto of this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Mayor Pete Panepinto



**CITY OF HAMMOND
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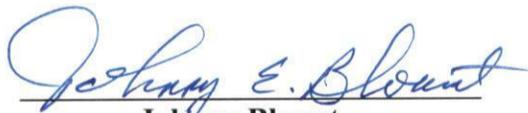
BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Hammond, Louisiana, that:

The above and foregoing ordinance having being duly submitted to the Hammond City Council in writing; introduced at a public meeting on **June 12, 2018** of the Hammond City Council and discussed at a public meeting held on **June 26, 2018**; after motion and second was submitted to the official vote of the Hammond City Council.

On motion by **Councilman Lemar Marshall** and Second by **Councilman Jason Hood** the foregoing ordinance was hereby declared adopted on **June 26, 2018** by the following roll call vote:

**Votes: Johnny Blount (Y), Jason Hood (Y), Janice Carter Beard (Y), Lemar Marshall (Y), Mike Williams (N).
Motion Approved 4-1**

WHEREFORE the above and foregoing ordinance was declared duly adopted on this **26th Day of June in the year 2018**, at Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana.



Johnny Blount
President, Hammond City Council



Honorable Pete Panepinto
Mayor, City of Hammond



Tonia Banks, Clerk
Hammond City Council