

Sponsor: **Anthony Higgs**
Councilman, 6th District

ORDINANCE NO. 9257

An Ordinance for Council Meetings to Begin with Prayer

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Hammond has traditionally begun its meetings with a short invocation or prayer;

WHEREAS, this practice was suspended while the U. S. Supreme Court was deciding whether it was constitutional for local governments to have such prayers, but the Court has recently decided that such prayer does not violate the contitution

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMMOND that the **Common Council shall reinstitue its practice of beginning each meeting with a short invocation or prayer.**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMMOND that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council, signing by the President thereof and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond, on the 14th day of July, 2014.

MICHAEL OPINKER, President /s/

ATTEST:

ROBERT J. GOLEC, CITY CLERK /s/

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, to the Mayor of said City for his approval on the 16th day of July, 2014.

ROBERT J. GOLEC, CITY CLERK /s/

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The foregoing Ordinance No. 9257 consisting of 2 pages, including this page approved by the Mayor on the 18th day of July, 2014.

THOMAS M. McDERMOTT, JR., /s/
MAYOR, City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the Common Council on the 14th day of July, 2014, and approved by the Mayor on the 18th day of July, 2014.

ROBERT J. GOLEC, CITY CLERK /s/