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Sponsors: Janet Venecz, Council Person at Large
Daniel Spitale, Council Person at Large
Katrina Alexander, Council at Large

RESOLUTION NO. R08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMMOND,
INDIANA, AFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY, OPEN
GOVERNMENT, AND PUBLIC ACCESS THROUGH THE ADVANCED POSTING OF
MEETING AGENDAS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Hammond recognizes that an informed and engaged public is essential to the effective functioning of a representative democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Council is committed to fostering trust, accountability, and confidence in municipal governance through clear, accessible, and timely communication with residents; and

WHEREAS, transparency in governmental operations promotes civic participation and ensures that residents have meaningful opportunities to understand and engage with the issues that affect their community; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council acknowledges that providing advance notice by electronic means of matters to be considered at public meetings enhances the public's ability to prepare, attend, and participate in such meetings; and

WHEREAS, while acknowledging the City of Hammond complies with all applicable laws regarding public notice and open meetings, the Council desires to further this compliance by ensuring that city council matters are accessible in furtherance of its commitment to openness and accessibility; and

WHEREAS, the posting of meeting agendas and materials in advance of scheduled meetings serves as a practical and effective method of improving transparency and public awareness; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMMOND, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Common Council hereby affirms its ongoing commitment to open, transparent, and accessible governance for all residents of the City of Hammond.

Section 2. The Common Council shall endeavor, to the extent practicable, to prepare and publicly post the agenda and other materials electronically for each regular meeting of the Council in advance of such meeting.

Section 3. Such agenda and supporting documentation shall be made available through appropriate and reasonably accessible means, which may include, but are not limited to, posting on the City's official website.

Section 4. The Council acknowledges that agendas are subject to change as necessary to address emergent matters and the posting of an agenda or other materials does not preclude the consideration of additional items as permitted by law.

Section 5. This Resolution is intended to promote best practices in transparency and does not create enforceable rights or obligations beyond those required by applicable law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond that this Resolution 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.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 27th day of April, 2026.

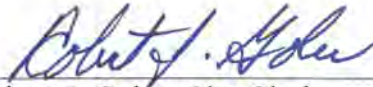

Janet Venecz, President
Hammond Common Council

ATTEST:



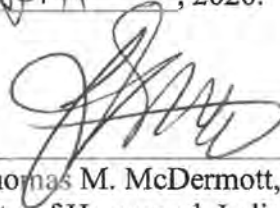
Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
City of Hammond, Indiana

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, Indiana, to the Mayor, for approval and signature, this 28th day of April, 2026.



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
City of Hammond, Indiana

The foregoing Resolution No. R08 consisting of three (3) typewritten pages, including this page, was APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 28th day of April, 2026.



Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Mayor
City of Hammond, Indiana

Approved PASSED by the Common Council on the 27th day of April, 2026 and by the Mayor on the 28th day of April, 2026.



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk,
Hammond, Indiana