

**HAMMOND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hammond Capital Improvement Board of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana was held on June 21, 2021 at 5pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** Flores, Kruszynski, Prieto, Spitale, Venecz, Button

**ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT:** Tyler

**ABSENT:** None

**TOTAL:** 7

**CONSIDERATION OF PAST MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Prieto, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved to approve the minutes from June 7, 2021, as amended to include the following, 1. Designating those board members who are present physically. 2. Designating those members who are present virtually. 3. Indicating that the board members and public who attended virtually were using zoom as the electronic communication.

**ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Flores, Kruszynski, Prieto, Spitale, Tyler, Venecz, Button

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**Motion Carried**

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**MINUTES APPROVED**  
(as amended)

**REPORT ON WORK STUDY SESSION**

Chairman/President Button – discussed what was on the agenda, no decisions were made. Stated that there wasn't a lot of other discussion made.

**FUNDING**

Commissioner Flores – stated that the board was presented with a project summary report that listed all of the current projects that the board has committed to, as well as any that has been on the horizon. Gave available budget as about \$1.4 million. The board will receive the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter funding numbers after July 1.

**MATTERS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS**

Councilman Torres – asked President Button if the downtown striping project is in planning?

Chairman/President Button – stated it is still under plan. We have a really good initial draft for the striping plan. Hohman Avenue between Sibley and Russell Street will be reconstructed. The bid will go out late this year with a 2022 construction. Sibley, Fayette and Russell will all be restriped.

**MATTERS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS cont.**

Councilman Torres – stated he is concerned about the overpass bridge on Hohman. The elderly citizens are concerned about adding safety rails to the sidewalks for the bridge on Hohman.

Chairman/President Button – stated they are planning on a bike lane on each side of the bridge next to the sidewalk. Between the bike lane and traffic lane they'll be a segment of striped area where no one is to travel within, so that should give them a lot of separation between the sidewalk and the motoring traffic. As for a guardrail, Lake County owns the bridges so any improvements to the bridge would go through Lake County.

Councilman Torres – stated he was told that the city maintains the bridge.

Chairman/President Button – stated the city maintains the approaches to the bridges, but don't maintain the bridges themselves.

Councilman Torres – stated he would want to contribute some of his district gaming money for that project.

Chairman/President Button – stated they would have to coordinate with Duane Alverson at the county on that.

Councilman Torres – stated he would appreciate it if President Button would look into it.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01 – A Resolution Establishing the policy by which members of the Capital Improvement Board may participate by electronic means of communication**

Commissioner Kruszynski, supported by Councilwoman Venecz, moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-01.

**ROLL CALL (Res. No. 2021-01)**

**AYES:** Flores, Kruszynski, Prieto, Spitale, Tyler, Venecz, Button

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**Motion Carried**

**7/0/0**

**RESOLUTION APPROVED**

**FUNDING ALLOCATION – Supplemental Agreement – Downtown Hessville/Kennedy Avenue Reconstruction – 165<sup>th</sup> to 169<sup>th</sup> Street in the amount of \$199,700**

Commissioner Kruszynski, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved to approve the funding allocation for the Supplemental Agreement and Loch Mueller Engineering is providing the design services.

**NEW BUSINESS cont.**

**ROLL CALL (supplemental agreement)**

**AYES:** Flores, Kruszynski, Prieto, Spitale, Tyler, Venecz, Button

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**Motion Carried**

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**FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED**

**FUNDING ALLOCATION – 177<sup>th</sup>/Oxbow Road from 2900 block to 3300 block in the amount of \$92,000**

Commissioner Flores, supported by Commissioner Kruszynski, moved to approve the funding allocation for the 177<sup>th</sup>/Oxbow in the amount of \$92,000.

**ROLL CALL (177<sup>th</sup>/Oxbow)**

**AYES:** Flores, Kruszynski, Prieto, Spitale, Tyler, Venecz, Button

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**Motion Carried**

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**FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED**

**FUNDING ALLOCATION – Florida Avenue Development – Roadway and Utility Design in the amount of \$74,578**

Commissioner Kruszynski, supported by Commissioner Prieto, moved to approve the funding allocation for the Florida Ave Development – Roadway and Utility Design in the amount of \$74,578.

**ROLL CALL (Florida Ave Development)**

**AYES:** Flores, Kruszynski, Prieto, Spitale, Tyler, Venecz, Button

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**Motion Carried**

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**FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED**

**FUNDING ALLOCATION – JF Mahoney Drive Reconstruction Design in the amount of \$62,820**

Councilwoman Venecz, supported by Commissioner Kruszynski, moved to approve the funding allocation for the JF Mahoney Drive Reconstruction in the amount of \$62,820.

**ROLL CALL (JF Mahoney Dr.)**

**AYES:** Flores, Kruszynski, Prieto, Spitale, Tyler, Venecz, Button

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**Motion Carried**

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**FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED**

NEW BUSINESS cont.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD CHANGE ORDER POLICY

Commissioner Kruszynski, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved to approve the funding allocation for Capital Improvement Board Change Order Policy.

Commissioner Kruszynski, supported by Commissioner Prieto, moved to table motion for the Capital Improvement Board Change Order Policy to have further discussion and review.

ROLL CALL (motion to table)

AYES: Flores, Kruszynski, Prieto, Spitale, Tyler, Venecz, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

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MOTION TO TABLE APPROVED

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Gary (?) – 6700 block Alexander – talked about the funding allocation on Kennedy. He said Kennedy isn't that bad compared to his street, Alexander, it's getting worse and worse. Stated that his street needs to get done. I don't know what else to do.

Chairman/President Button – stated that you have come to the right place. We are having consideration of the project, money has been pretty tight over the last few years, but it looks like there is a potential to work on the project using the American Recovery Plan Act Funds. We are absolutely considering the project for the future. That project scored very high on our criteria for project selections.

Chairman/President Button – reminded the board that July 5, 2021 is an observed Holiday. At this time, we are contemplating rescheduling the meeting for July 6, 2021 with the time to be determined.

Councilwoman Venecz, supported by Commissioner Prieto, moved to adjourn.

AYES: ALL

2021 HAMMOND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD ATTENDANCE RECORD OF ELECTRONIC AND PHYSICAL PRESENCE

	June		July		Aug		Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec	
	7	21	6	19	2	16	6	20	4	18	1	15	6	20
Megan Flores	P	P												
Milan Kruszynski	P	P												
Jaime Prieto	E	P												
Dan Spitale	P	P												
Barry Tyler	E	E												
Janet Venecz	P	P												
Dean Button	P	P												
Initials														

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E=ELECTRONIC  
P=PHYSICALLY PRESENT  
A=ABSENT

APPROVED:

  
Dean Button, President  
Capital Improvement Board

ATTEST:

  
Robert J. Golec, Hammond City Clerk

Time: 5:20pm  
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Prepared by  
Robert J. Golec  
Hammond City Clerk