

HAMMOND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD

MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2025

The regular meeting of the Hammond Capital Improvements Board of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana was held on May 5, 2025, in the Hammond City Council Chambers and was available to be viewed at gohammond on Facebook, gohammond.tv live and per Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

President/ Chairman Button presided

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by all.

ROLL CALL

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Moore, Muta, Prieto, Rakos, Salinas, Button

ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT PER ZOOM:

ABSENT: Woerpel

TOTAL: 6

CONSIDERATION OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Salinas, supported by Commissioner Muta, moved to approve the minutes from April 7, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Moore, Muta, Prieto, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Woerpel

Motion Carried

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MINUTES APPROVED

REPORT ON WORK STUDY SESSION

President / Chairman Button – Discussion of current items on agenda.

FUNDING – Commissioner Moore – Thank you Mr. President. To date we have allocated \$2.9 Million dollars' worth of funding for projects. This is including tonight's considerations as well. We have about \$1.8 million dollars remaining of unallocated funds and we have not yet received the 3rd quarter budget which will be released at the beginning of July.

President/ Chairman Button – Thank you kindly. I would just embellish a little bit on Commissioner Moore comment that we do have an INDOT funded federal funded project being bid this week on Hohman Ave between Russell and Douglas and that is expected to come in about a million dollars in local funds support. I'm glad we have money in the bank at this stage for that project.

Councilman Salinas – I missed the unallocated remaining portion

Commissioner Moore - \$1.8 million

Councilman Salinas – Thank you very much

MATTERS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Funding Allocation #244 – Median Modification on Florida Ave – J & J Newell – in the amount of \$32,208.33

Commissioner Muta, supported by Commissioner Moore, moved to approve the funding allocation for Median Modification on Florida Ave– in the amount of \$32,208.33

President / Chairman Button – gave a brief description of the funding allocation

ROLL CALL VOTE (Median Modification on Florida Ave)

AYES: Moore, Muta, Prieto, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Woerpel

Motion Carried

6/0/1

FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

Funding Allocation #245 2025 Overlays Supplemental – Milestone Contractors – in the amount of \$265,000

Commissioner Prieto, supported by Councilman Salinas, moved to approve the funding allocation for 2025 Overlays Supplemental– in the amount of \$265,000

President / Chairman Button – gave a brief description of the funding allocation

ROLL CALL VOTE (2025 Overlays Supplemental)

AYES: Moore, Muta, Prieto, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Woerpel

Motion Carried

6/0/1

FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

Funding Allocation #246 – Stateline Road Closures Change Order No.3 – Rieth Riley Construction - in the amount of \$9,595.76

Commissioner Prieto, supported by Councilman Salinas, moved to approve the funding allocation for Stateline Road Closures Change Order No. 3 – in the amount of \$9,595.76

President / Chairman Button – gave a brief description of the funding allocation

ROLL CALL VOTE (Stateline Road Closures Change Order No.3)

AYES: Moore, Muta, Prieto, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: Woerpel

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

6/0/1

FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

Funding Allocation #247 – Repair Michigan Street Sink Hole – Grimmer Construction in the amount of \$39,940.21

Councilman Salinas, supported by Commissioner Muta, moved to approve the funding allocation for 165th and Stateline Intersection Improvements – in the amount of \$39,940.21

President / Chairman Button – gave a brief description of the funding allocation

ROLL CALL VOTE (Repair Michigan Street Sink Hole)

AYES: Moore, Muta, Prieto, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: Woerpel

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

6/0/1

FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

President/Chairman Button – The Chair has one additional item that came in today. Ill form it in the phrase of a motion. So, the item will be considered 9E Funding Allocation lighting modifications at The Kennedy Ave bridge over The Indiana Harbor Belt with Dunnet Bay \$55,873.26

Councilman Rakos – Can I make that motion

Commissioner Muta – Seconded

President / Chairman Button – Thank you Councilman Rakos seconded by Commissioner Muta. Is there any discussion?

President / Chairman Button – gave a brief description of the funding allocation

Funding Allocation #248 – Lighting Modifications at Kennedy Bridge over IHB – Dunnet Bay– in the amount of \$55,873.26

Councilman Rakos, supported by Commissioner Muta, moved to approve the funding allocation for Lighting Modifications at Kennedy Bridge – in the amount of \$55,873.26

President / Chairman Button – gave a brief description of the funding allocation

ROLL CALL VOTE (Lighting Modifications at Kennedy Ave Bridge over IHB)

AYES: Moore, Muta, Prieto, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Woerpel

Motion Carried

6/0/1

FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

PUBLIC EXPRESSION: Gary Dreischerf – Hope you're doing well. Good to see you again. A few things. I'm glad you guys are taking a proactive towards getting a lot of these streets repaired a lot of stuff I ride around so much of Hammond needs to be updated. The streets even the alleys are getting in bad shape. So, I hope you guys keep proactive with getting stuff like that done. Anyway, one thing here can you possibly see to it. See whoever does it when they redid Alexander street. They never finished the sidewalk at the corner of Martha & Alexander the northeast corner they never continued it grass to the curb. It's a full curve there. It's not ADA accessible. I don't know why? I don't know if it was something with The American Structure point Engineering plans didn't have it. I have no idea. It needs to be done. It's been almost two years. I think we they redid the street. So that has to be completed. Um, I don't know if also you'd like to put a street sign up identifying Nickel Plate Street. If you guys can do that. I know I've mentioned this to Dave Woerpel before on doing something. I don't know he's working on doing something cause Nickel Plate being there so anyway but that's that stuff. Kennedy Ave is great but I don't know there's been accidents there and I assume they've caught the people that crashed into stuff and made the city get reimbursed for stuff. There's a couple of bollards that have never been straightened out. It kind of looks tacky. You got a nice light there and everything but the bollards leaning and there's one at 167th and Kennedy also at Martha and Kennedy both on the east side of Kennedy. So maybe you're going to get them fixed. Hopefully the insurance company paid to have them fixed and straightened out. If it was a hit and run then that was a crime because you're leaving the scene of an accident. I'm going to bring this up probably at the next council meeting also Mayor's night out. NIPSCO and Scott I saw you on cameras you went and took a pole number. That light is still not fixed. I called NIPSCO numerous times. NIPSCO is a big problem. We are paying this I assume on our property taxes for these street lights. Why isn't NIPSCO taking care of this stuff in a proper manner they should be? It's horrible

Commissioner Prieto – What street light sir?

Gary Dreischerf – Well its an alley light. In a dark alley. This happens to be an alley behind my house and Scott Rakos has been there I saw him getting a pole number down. He's been active with it. I guess Dave Woerpel has. I think in general NIPSCO has been horrible with getting any of this stuff fixed in the city. If I'm having trouble for two months and the thing is still out. They tell you it should be done in two weeks. If not thirty days but they don't do it their terrible. I don't know if anyone else has complained. Maybe we our better off to go to our own street lighting system that the city would

maintain. I don't know the cost of each one of those lights are. If you guys pay a monthly, yearly fee for every single light in Hammond. I don't know how that works. But it's NIPSCO pole light. It's not the cities. I don't know if you want to look into that because NIPSCO is not doing their job taking care of this stuff at all. I believe that is everything. Thank you for your time. I appreciate it. So hopefully you get so action with stuff because NIPSCO is the worst.

Chairman / President Button – reminded the board that next meeting is scheduled for May 19 ,2025 with a work study session at 4:30pm and a regular meeting at 5pm.

Councilman Salinas, supported by Commissioner Muta, moves to adjourn.

AYES: ALL

2025 HAMMOND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD ATTENDANCE RECORD OF ELECTRONIC AND PHYSICAL PRESENCE

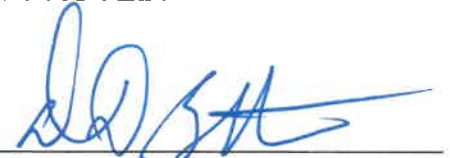
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	6th	21	3	19	3	17	7	21	5	19	2	16	7	21
Megan Moore	x	A	P	X	P	A	P	x	P					
Matthew Muta	x	P	P	X	P	P	P	x	P					
Jaime Prieto	x	P	P	X	P	P	P	x	P					
Scott Rakos	x	P	P	X	P	P	P	x	P					
Al Salinas	x	P	P	X	P	P	P	x	P					
Dave Woerpel	x	P	P	X	P	P	P	x	A					
Dean Button	x	P	A	X	P	P	P	x	P					
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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 5:18 pm
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*Prepared by
Robert J. Golec
Hammond City Clerk*