

**HAMMOND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Hammond Capital Improvements Board of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana was held on July 21, 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: Rakos, Salinas, Button

ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT PER ZOOM: Muta

ABSENT: Moore, Prieto, Woerpel

TOTAL: 4

**CONSIDERATION OF PAST MEETING MINUTES**

Councilman Salinas, supported by Councilman Rakos, moved to approve the minutes from July 7, 2025.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

AYES: Muta, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Moore, Prieto, Woerpel

Motion Carried

3/1/3

MINUTES APPROVED

**REPORT ON WORK STUDY SESSION**

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

FUNDING – None

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

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

NEW BUSINESS

Funding Allocation #259 – Roadway Improvement on Willow at State Street – Hawk Enterprises – in the amount of \$7,100

Councilman Salinas, supported by Councilman Rakos, moved to approve the funding allocation for Roadway Improvements on Willow at State Street – in the amount of \$7,100

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

ROLL CALL VOTE (Roadway Improvements on Willow at State Street)

AYES: Muta, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Moore, Prieto, Woerpel

Motion Carried 3/1/3 FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

Councilman Salinas – I've seen several accidents in the intersection, cars completely tipped over so I think that it's good that we were looking into this

President/Chairman Button – Thank You

Funding Allocation #260 – Establish Railroad Quiet Zone in Downtown Hammond – First Group Engineering – in the amount of \$70,000

Councilman Salinas, supported by Councilman Rakos, moved to approve the funding allocation for Establish Railroad Quiet Zone in Downtown Hammond – in the amount of \$70,000

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

ROLL CALL VOTE (Establish Railroad Quiet Zone in Downtown Hammond)

AYES: Muta, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Moore, Prieto, Woerpel

Motion Carried 3/1/3 FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

Funding Allocation #261 – Summer Street Reconstruction Change Orders 5, 6 and 7 – Rieth Riley Construction Company – in the amount of \$14,171.16

Councilman Muta, supported by Councilman Salinas, moved to approve the funding allocation for Summer Street Reconstruction Change Orders 5,6 and 7 – in the amount of \$14,171.16

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

ROLL CALL VOTE (Summer Street Reconstruction Change Orders 5,6 and 7)

AYES: Muta, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Moore, Prieto, Woerpel

Motion Carried

3/1/3

FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

Councilman Rakos – Yes, Mr. President it definitely is \$14,171.16 correct??

Chairman Button – I beg your pardon. Yes, it is \$14,171.16

Councilman Rakos – It does say that but that's not what it has on green sheet

Chairman Button – Yeah there was an error in the cover letter. I think that would have seen the revised cover letter hopefully, no you did not, sorry but the correct amount is contained on both the green sheet and cover letter not in the table of the cover letter which said \$19,753.44 that was an incorrect number on my part.

Funding Allocation #262 – Establish Railroad Quiet Zone in Hessville – First Group Engineering – in the amount of \$51,750

Councilman Rakos, supported by Councilman Salinas, moved to approve the funding allocation for Establish Railroad Quiet Zone in Hessville – in the amount of \$51,750

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

ROLL CALL VOTE (Establish Railroad Quiet Zone in Hessville)

AYES: Muta, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Moore, Prieto, Woerpel

Motion Carried

3/1/3

FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

Funding Allocation #263 – Replace Bollard on Kennedy Ave – Hawk Enterprises – in the amount of \$5,020.40

Councilman Rakos, supported by Councilman Salinas, moved to approve the funding allocation for Replace Bollard on Kennedy Ave – in the amount of \$5,020.40

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

ROLL CALL VOTE (Replace Bollard on Kennedy Ave)

AYES: Muta, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Moore, Prieto, Woerpel

Motion Carried

3/1/3

FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

Councilman Rakos – Yes Mr. President do we know which vehicle caused that damage or is that involved in this or no?

Chairman Button – I don't have any knowledge of that it would have gone thru the police department I would imagine that there would be some restitution involved but that's being handled by the law department and others

PUBLIC EXPRESSION: None

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

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

AYES: ALL

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

	January		February		March		April		May		June		July	
	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	X	P	P	A	A
Matthew Muta	x	P	P	X	P	P	P	x	P	X	P	P	P	E
Jaime Prieto	x	P	P	X	P	P	P	x	P	X	E	E	P	A
Scott Rakos	x	P	P	X	P	P	P	x	P	X	P	P	P	P
Al Salinas	x	P	P	X	P	P	P	x	P	X	E	P	P	P
Dave Woerpel	x	P	P	X	P	P	P	x	A	X	P	A	P	A
Dean Button	x	P	A	X	P	P	P	x	P	X	P	P	P	P
Initials		DDB	DDB		DDB	DDB	DDB		DDB		DDB	DDB	DDB	DDB

E=ELECTRONIC  
P=PHYSICALLY PRESENT  
A=ABSENT

APPROVED:

Dean Button, President  
Capital Improvement Board

ATTEST:

Robert J. Golec, Hammond City Clerk

Time 5:11 pm  
cb

*Prepared by  
Robert J. Golec  
Hammond City Clerk*