

HAMMOND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2026

The regular meeting of the Hammond Capital Improvements Board of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana was held on February 18, 2026, 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: Muta, Prieto, Rakos, Salinas, Button

ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT PER ZOOM:

ABSENT: Moore, Woerpel

TOTAL: 5

CONSIDERATION OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Salinas, supported by Commissioner Prieto, moved to approve the minutes from January 21, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Muta, Prieto, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Moore, Woerpel

Motion Carried

5/0/2

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 #303 – Hohman Ave Phase 1 – Supplemental Tree Replacement – Rieth Riley in the amount of \$2,028.27

Councilman Salinas, supported by Commissioner Prieto, moved to approve the funding allocation for Hohman Ave Phase 1– in the amount of \$2,028.27

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

ROLL CALL VOTE (Hohman Ave Phase 1)

AYES: Muta, Prieto, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Moore, Woerpel

Motion Carried 5/0/2 FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

Funding Allocation #304 – General Engineering Services – NIES Engineering – in the amount of \$60,000.00

Commissioner Prieto, supported by Councilman Rakos, moved to approve the funding allocation for General Engineering Services – in the amount of \$60,000.00

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

ROLL CALL VOTE (General Engineering Services)

AYES: Muta, Prieto, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Moore, Woerpel

Motion Carried 5/0/2 FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

Funding Allocation #305 – JF Mahoney Drive Ditch Improvement – H3 Concrete – in the amount of \$120,490.00

Councilman Rakos, supported by Commissioner Muta, moved to approve the funding allocation for JF Mahoney Drive Ditch Improvement – in the amount of \$120,490.00

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

ROLL CALL VOTE (JF Mahoney Drive Ditch Improvement)

AYES: Muta, Prieto, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Moore, Woerpel

Motion Carried

5/0/2 FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

Funding Allocation #306 – Realignment of Willow Court and State Street – First Group Engineering – in the amount of \$120,500.00

Councilman Salinas, supported by Councilman Rakos, moved to approve the funding allocation for Realignment – in the amount of \$120,500.00

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

ROLL CALL VOTE (Realignment of Willow Court and State Street)

AYES: Muta, Prieto, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Moore, Woerpel

Motion Carried

5/0/2 FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

PUBLIC EXPRESSION – None

Chairman/President Button – reminded the board that March 2nd, 2026, is the next meeting, with a work study session at 4:30pm and a regular meeting at 5pm.

Commissioner Prieto, supported by Councilman Salinas, moved to adjourn. AYES: ALL

**2026 HAMMOND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD ATTENDANCE RECORD OF
ELECTRONIC AND PHYSICAL PRESENCE**

	January		Feb		March		April		May		June		July	
	x	21	2	18	2	16	6	20	4	18	1	15	6	20
Megan Moore	x	A	x	A										
Matthew Muta	x	P	x	P										
Jaime Prieto	x	P	x	P										
Scott Rakos	x	P	x	P										
Al Salinas	x	P	x	P										
Dave Woerpel	x	P	x	A										
Dean Button	x	P	x	P										
Initials		ddb												

E=ELECTRONIC

P=PHYSICALLY PRESENT

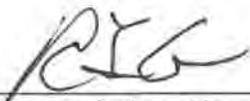
A=ABSENT

APPROVED:



Dean Button, President
Capital Improvement Board

ATTEST:



Robert J. Golec, Hammond City Clerk

Time 5:07 pm
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*Prepared by
Robert J. Golec
Hammond City Clerk*