

HAMMOND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2026

The regular meeting of the Hammond Capital Improvements Board of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana was held on March 2, 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: Moore, Muta, Rakos, Salinas, Woerpel, Button

ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT PER ZOOM: Prieto

ABSENT:

TOTAL: 7

CONSIDERATION OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Rakos, supported by Commissioner Muta, moved to approve the minutes from January 21, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT:

Motion Carried

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MINUTES APPROVED

REPORT ON WORK STUDY SESSION

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

FUNDING – We ended last year with \$2.16 remaining in our account that was unallocated that rolls into this year, so we have not received a first quarter budget I anticipate them releasing those in the coming weeks so by the next meeting I'll have an update for you there. Factoring in the items that have been passed thus far this year as well as factoring in the two that our before us tonight for approval we are sitting at about \$1.67 million dollars in unallocated funds as I mentioned that does not include the first quarter budget I would anticipate that too at least be a million so we are starting the year with a pretty good balance.

MATTERS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Councilman Woerpel - I have three questions I received from constituents over the last week. Number one is there any plans to repave indy boulevard anytime soon ? Do you have a timeline?

President/Chairman Button – Off the top of my head no. I think it's pretty soon. It may be this year, and it may be next year.

Councilman Woerpel – I know they did Ridge Road to 175th

President/ Chairman Button – They did. I haven't seen anything recently on that. I've been working with their engineer Butler Fairman over the last couple of years. I knew they did some limited resurfacing on indy boulevard I think it's either this year or next year.

Councilman Woerpel – Second Question is Southeastern is there any plans for that?

President/ Chairman Button – Not currently

Councilman Woerpel – Ok and then number three. Light poles where the paint is chipping off. Is there a way to paint them?

President/ Chairman Button – They can be painted touched up

Councilman Woerpel – My response was I doubt anything could be done. Because that's like a bake enamel on there we don't have to replace a pole cause the paint's chipping, right?

President/ Chairman Button – Paint can be applied we just have to have the funding and resources to do it

Councilman Woerpel – That was a question about the poles on Knickerbocker Parkway they've been there forever. They are starting to chip

President / Chairman Button – it's pretty widespread when you look around the city.

Councilman Rakos – Indy boulevard that he was talking about that's a state project correct?

President/ Chairman Button – Yes sir. It's run by the department of transportation.

Councilman Woerpel – I recall you telling me something about it and I forgot. What the story was on it.

President/ Chairman Button – I'd have to look at transportation improvement plan that the state has. I'll do my best to get you an answer.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC EXPRESSION – None

Chairman/President Button – reminded the board that March 16th , 2026, is the next meeting, with a work study session at 4:30pm and a regular meeting at 5pm.

Councilman Woerpel, 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	P									
Matthew Muta	x	P	x	P	P									
Jaime Prieto	x	P	x	P	E									
Scott Rakos	x	P	x	P	P									
Al Salinas	x	P	x	P	P									
Dave Woerpel	x	P	x	A	P									
Dean Button	x	P	x	P	P									
Initials		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 5:09 pm
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*Prepared by
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Hammond City Clerk*