

HAMMOND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2026

The regular meeting of the Hammond Capital Improvements Board of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana was held on March 16, 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, Button

ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT PER ZOOM:

ABSENT: Prieto, Woerpel

TOTAL: 5

CONSIDERATION OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Muta, supported by Councilman Salinas, moved to approve the minutes from March 2, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Moore, Muta, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Prieto, 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: We do have the first quarter budget amount. So we are adding one million five hundred twenty-one thousand five hundred and sixty-seven dollars and eighty-seven cents to our budget. The controller's office is also in receive of two checks we received last week as per inter-governmental agreement one is hundred thousand dollars from the port authority toward the Screen wall project up north specifically. I believe it was for the design. The second check was for five hundred thousand dollars from the sanitary district sewer department and that is to go towards miscellaneous projects that involve sewer projects that takes us to an unallocated amount of \$3.38 million dollars as of right now. This does not include any of the larger allocations that will come such as overlays sidewalk programs, etc.

President/Chairman Button – I'm grateful to the utilities and departments for there contributions to capital improvement board

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Funding Allocation #310 – Establish Railroad Quiet Zone in Downtown Hammond Supplemental #1 Design and RR Coordination – First Group Engineering – in the amount of \$18,000

Councilman Salinas, supported by Councilman Rakos, moved to approve the funding allocation for Establish Railroad Quiet Zone in Downtown Hammond – in the amount of \$18,000

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

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

AYES: Moore, Muta, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Prieto, Woerpel

Motion Carried

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FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

Funding Allocation #311 – Establish Railroad Quiet Zone in Hessville Supplemental #1 Design and RR Coordination – First Group Engineering – in the amount of \$23,000.00

Commissioner Muta, supported by Councilman Rakos, moved to approve the funding allocation for Establish – in the amount of \$23,000.00

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

ROLL CALL VOTE (Establish Railroad Quiet Zone in Hessville Supplemental #1 Design and RR Coordination)

AYES: Moore, Muta, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Prieto, Woerpel

Motion Carried

5/0/2

FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

Funding Allocation #312 – Preliminary Engineering Fee Marina District Screen Wall – Norfolk Southern – in the amount of \$27,739.00

Councilman Rakos, supported by Commissioner Muta, moved to approve the funding allocation for Preliminary Engineering Fee Marina District Screen Wall – in the amount of \$27,739.00

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

ROLL CALL VOTE (Preliminary Engineering Fee Marina District Screen Wall)

AYES: Moore, Muta, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Prieto, Woerpel
Motion Carried

5/0/2

FUNDING ALLOCATION

Funding Allocation #313 – Downtown Hammond Train Station Construction Engineering – NIES Engineering – in the amount of \$198,500.00

Councilman Salinas, supported by Commissioner Muta, moved to approve the funding allocation for Downtown Hammond Train Station Construction Engineering – NIES Engineering – in the amount of \$198,500.00

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

ROLL CALL VOTE (Downtown Hammond Train Station Construction Engineering)

AYES: Moore, Muta, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Prieto, Woerpel

Motion Carried

5/0/2

FUNDING ALLOCATION

Funding Allocation #314 – Dan Rabin Plaza Lighting and Electrical Improvements Construction – Hawk Enterprises – in the amount of \$135,353.32

Councilman Salinas, supported by Councilman Rakos, moved to approve the funding allocation for Dan Rabin Plaza Lighting and Electrical Improvements Construction – in the amount of \$135,353.32

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

ROLL CALL VOTE (Dan Rabin Plaza Lighting and Electrical Improvements Construction)

AYES: Moore, Muta, Rakos, Salinas, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Prieto, Woerpel

Motion Carried

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FUNDING ALLOCATION

PUBLIC EXPRESSION – None

Chairman/President Button – reminded the board that April 6th , 2026, is the next meeting, with a work study session at 4:30pm and a regular meeting at 5pm.

Commissioner Muta, supported by Commissioner Moore , 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	P								
Matthew Muta	x	P	x	P	P	P								
Jaime Prieto	x	P	x	P	E	A								
Scott Rakos	x	P	x	P	P	P								
Al Salinas	x	P	x	P	P	P								
Dave Woerpel	x	P	x	A	P	A								
Dean Button	x	P	x	P	P	P								
Initials		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 5:09 pm

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