HAMMOND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

The regular meeting of the Hammond Capital Improvements Board of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana was held on September 21, 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, Rakos, Button
ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT PER ZOOM: Prieto, Salinas
ABSENT: Moore ,Woerpel
TOTAL: 7

CONSIDERATION OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Muta, supported by Councilman Rakos, moved to approve the minutes from September 8, 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 #346 – Marquette Greenway – Kennedy Ave to Cline Ave Construction – INDOT/ Grimmer Construction – in the amount of $508,786.10

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Councilman Rakos, supported by Commissioner Muta, moved to approve the funding allocation for Marquette Greenway – in the amount of $508,786.10

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

ROLL CALL VOTE (Marquette Greenway)
AYES: Muta, Prieto, Rakos, Salinas, Button
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Moore, Woerpel
Motion Carried 5/0/2 FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

Funding Allocation #347 – Downtown Hammond Station – NICTD Flagging/Force Work for 2026 – in the amount of $50,000.00

Commissioner Muta, supported by Councilman Rakos, moved to approve the funding allocation for NICTD Flagging/Force Work for 2026 – in the amount of $50,000.00

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

ROLL CALL VOTE (Downtown Hammond Station NICTD Flagging/Force Work for 2026)
AYES: Muta, Prieto, Rakos, Salinas, Button
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Moore, Woerpel
Motion Carried 5/0/2 FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

Councilman Salinas – Is this part of funding for platform? What other phases of platform fees will come into play, I guess? Down the road.

Chairman/President Button – This is for NICTD flagging for the current year. So we are trying to cover our costs as it relates to the flagging. The platform itself is intended to be funded in part by the food and beverage tax. Which would include the platform and NICTD's equipment that's required. Does that answer your question, Councilman?

Councilman Salinas – Yes sir! Thank you

Funding Allocation #348 – Emergency Vehicle Preemption Town Of Munster as Lead LPA – in the amount of $33,790.22

Commissioner Muta, supported by Councilman Rakos, moved to approve the funding allocation for Emergency Vehicle Preemption Town Of Munster as Lead LPA – in the amount of $33,790.22

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

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ROLL CALL VOTE (Emergency Vehicle Preemption Town Of Munster as Lead LPA)
AYES: Muta, Prieto, Rakos, Salinas, Button
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Moore, Woerpel
Motion Carried 5/0/2 FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

Funding Allocation #349 – Marina District Screen Wall – Norfolk Southern Force Account – in the amount of $4,669.50

Commissioner Muta, supported by Councilman Rakos, moved to approve the funding allocation for Marina District Screen Wall – in the amount of $4,669.50

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

ROLL CALL VOTE (Marina District Screen Wall)
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 October 5th , 2026, is the next meeting, with a work study session at 4:30pm and a regular meeting at 5pm.

Commissioner Muta , supported by Councilman Rakos , moved to adjourn. AYES: ALL

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

	June		July		August		Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec	
	1	15	6	20	3	17	8	21	5	19	2	16	7	21
Megan Moore	x	P	P	X	X	A	A	A						
Matthew Muta	x	P	P	X	X	P	P	P						
Jaime Prieto	x	E	A	X	X	P	P	E						
Scott Rakos	x	P	P	X	X	P	P	P						
Al Salinas	x	P	P	X	X	A	E	E						
Dave Woerpel	x	A	P	X	X	P	P	A						
Dean Button	x	P	P	X	X	P	P	P						
Initials		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

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