

The regular meeting of the Hammond Common Council of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana was held on June 23, 2014 in the Hammond City Council Chambers.

Council President Michael Opinker presided.

Council Coordinator Carmen I. Balboa facilitated.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by all.

Moment of Silence was observed.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Markovich, Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Uylaki, Emerson, Opinker

ABSENT: Higgs, Hinojosa

TOTAL: 7

READING OF THE MINUTES

Councilman Spitale, supported by Councilman Emerson, moved to approve the minutes of June 9, 2014 and place on file. AYES: ALL

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Councilman Markovich, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved to accept the claims from June 4, 2014 through June 18, 2014. Claim #3063 through claim #3329, inclusive.

Councilman Markovich, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved to amend in claims:

#3330	IN Dept. of Transportation	Engineer/ Gaming	\$41,156.12
#3331	IN Dept. of Transportation	Engineer/ Gaming	\$26,917.35

Councilman Kalwinski, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved to pull claims:

3171	Nies Engineering	Engineer/ Gaming	16,643.36
3172	Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers	Engineer/ Gaming	18,926.36
3173	Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers	Engineer/ Gaming (Dist. 1)	24,217.84
3174	Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers	Engineer/ Gaming (Dist. 1)	37,731.98
3175	Nies Engineering	Engineer/ Gaming (Dist. 1)	85.00
3176	Walsh & Kelly	Engineer/ Gaming (Dist. 1)	4,220.00
3177	Walsh & Kelly	Engineer/ Gaming (Dist. 1)	9,520.15
3178	Walsh & Kelly	Engineer/ Gaming (Dist. 1)	11,123.01
3179	Walsh & Kelly	Engineer/ Gaming (Dist. 1)	12,137.97

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3180	Walsh & Kelly	Engineer/ Gaming (Dist. 1)	17,393.02
3181	Walsh & Kelly	Engineer/ Gaming (Dist. 1)	210,030.75

Councilman Kalwinski - I just haven't had time enough since I've been back to understand what those claims are for, so I just need clarification for next time. Thank you.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Amending in #3300 & #3301)

AYES: Markovich, Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Uylaki, Emerson, Opinker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Higgs, Hinojosa

Motion carried 7/0/2 AMENDMENT ADOPTED

ROLL CALL VOTE (Amending out #3172 thru #3181)

AYES: Markovich, Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Uylaki, Emerson, Opinker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Higgs, Hinojosa

Motion carried 7/0/2 AMENDMENT ADOPTED

ROLL CALL VOTE (Claims as amended)

AYES: Markovich, Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Uylaki, Emerson, Opinker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Higgs, Hinojosa

Motion carried 7/0/2 CLAIMS APPROVED
(as amended)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ORDINANCE 3RD READING - FINAL PASSAGE

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

14-22 An Ordinance of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana, Concerning the Refunding of Certain Bonds of the Sanitary District of Hammond through the Issuance and Sale of Refunding Bonds, and other matters connected therewith

Councilman Markovich read the ordinance in its entirety.

Councilman Markovich, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved to suspend the rules to allow the Sanitary District Superintendent and Finance Officer to explain the bonds.

Council President Opinker - Rules suspended.

Marty Wielgos, District Manager, Hammond Sanitary District - Pretty much as Councilman Markovich indicated in reading that ordinance, those bonds started in '97 and the previous years are all spelled out there. We have a chance, because of the way the market is and the interest rates being still very low to refinance those at a savings of approximately \$300 thousand to the taxpayers. So that's what we're here to do today, to get your approval to do that.

Councilman Markovich, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved to return to the regular order of business.
AYES: ALL

Councilman Markovich, supported by Councilman Emerson, moved the proposed ordinance to 1st and 2nd reading by title.
AYES: ALL

Councilman Markovich, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved to suspend the rules for passage of 14-22.

ROLL CALL VOTE (suspend rules for passage)
AYES: Markovich, Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Uylaki, Emerson, Opinker
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Higgs, Hinojosa
Motion carried 7/0/2 RULES SUSPENDED

Councilman Markovich, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved for final passage.

ROLL CALL VOTE (passage)
AYES: Markovich, Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Uylaki, Emerson, Opinker
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Higgs, Hinojosa
Motion carried 7/0/2 ORDINANCE NO. 9256 PASSED

RESOLUTIONS

None

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NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilwoman Venecz - I would like to announce a couple of Crime Watch meetings. There are only two of them and that's because the schools are closed during the summer so many of the Crime Watch's do not meet.

Tues., June 24	6:30 p.m.	Pulaski Park Association	American Legion
Thur., July 10	Whiting Robertsdale C.W.	6:30 p.m.	Calumet College

Councilwoman Venecz - I would like to let everyone know that the Hammers for Hearts Work Camp Foundation which is in Colorado, it is a faith based organization of teenagers who travel throughout the country to areas of need to make repairs to homes of elderly, low income and disabled residents. This week 262 teenagers and their adult sponsors are here in Hammond. They will be staying at the Area Career Center affectionately remembered as the old Hammond Tech. They will be working on thirty seven homes throughout the City of Hammond. There are 3 homes in the 1st District, 3 in the 2nd District, 22 in the 3rd District, 5 in the 4th District, 1 in the 5th District, and 2 in the 6th District. Each year the city asks for volunteers to host hospitality on any given evening when they're here, Monday thru Friday. As many of you know, I am with Edison Community Watch and once again we will be hosting the hospitality night on Wednesday, June 25th, again, at the Area Career Center from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Anyone who is interested in volunteering to make sure that the needs of all of these wonderful volunteers who come to the City of Hammond are met please give me a call. I welcome your help. So, thank you all for your consideration, and that is how change happens, one gesture, one person, one moment at a time.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

None

Councilwoman Venecz, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved to adjourn.

AYES: ALL

Michael Opinker, President
Hammond Common Council

ATTEST:

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk

Approved at the Common Council Meeting of July 14, 2014.

Time: 6:15 pm
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