The regular meeting of the Hammond Common Council of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana was held on January 27, 2020 in the Hammond City Council Chambers.

Council President Dave Woerpel presided.

City Clerk Robert J. Golec facilitated.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by all. Invocation by Councilwoman Alexander

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Alexander, Spitale, Venecz., Kalwinski, Torres, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel

ABSENT: None TOTAL: 9

READING OF THE MINUTES

Councilman Spitale, supported by Councilman Emerson, moved to accept the minutes of January 13, 2020 and place on file.

AYES: ALL

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Councilman Rakos, supported by Councilwoman Venecz, moved to accept the claims from January 8th, 2020 through January 22nd, 2020. Claim #240 through Claim #542, inclusive.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Alexander, Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Torres, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel

NAYS: None ABSENT: None Motion carried

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CLAIMS APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilwoman Venecz, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved to place a letter on file from Avaina Franco regarding Hammond Robotics.

AYES: ALL

Councilman Rakos- On January 29th from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Schoop's 7235 Indianapolis Blvd, HC3 is having a fundraiser for the Hansen Branch Library Building located at Martha and Alabama. It's to help restore windows. When you place your order from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. just mention the HC3 fundraiser and they will donate 10% of sales that day.

Prepared by Robert J. Golec Hammond City Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council as a Whole Committee - Councilwoman Venecz - Brought out 19-35 and 20-01.

Councilman Torres- The Police and Fire Committee, will be having a meeting on February 10, 2020 which is our next Council Meeting at 4:45 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to the City.

Community & Crime Watch Committee - Councilwoman Venezz - Announced upcoming meetings:

Fri., Jan. 31st; Community Watch at Silver Birch; 2 p.m.

Tues., Feb 4th; Harrison Park C.W.; VFW; 6:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan 28th; Pulaski Park N.A.; American Legion; 6:30 p.m.

ORDINANCE 3RD READING-FINAL PASSAGE

19-35

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 8514, Being: An Ordinance Establishing a Zoning Plan for the City of Hammond in Order to Provide for Orderly Growth and Development within the City All in Accordance with the Comprehensive/land use Plan for Purposes of Addressing Conflicts of Interest

Councilman Rakos, supported by Councilwoman Venecz, moved for passage.

ROLL CALL (passage)

AYES: Alexander, Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Torres, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

Motion carried

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ORDINANCE NO. 9460 PASSED

20-01

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No.9405, Being: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance20-01 8514 for an Amendment to Title XXIX Overlay Zoning Districts to establish New Provisions for Development within the Oxbow Landing Overlay Zoning District (Oxlan-OL)

Councilman Rakos, supported by Councilwoman Venecz, moved for passage.

ROLL CALL (passage)

AYES: Alexander, Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Torres, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

Motion carried

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ORDINANCE NO. 9461 PASSED

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

George Stoya- I've noticed every time you ask for a discussion, hell, nothing is ever discussed. I know you guys discuss all the stuff back there, I'm just asking if you can help us poor citizens out here and give us a summary of what's going on. So that we all know what's going on. Not all of us can get back there or want to go back there, and have a secret government, I like it out in the open.

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

AYES: ALL

Dave Woerpel, President Hammond Common Council

ATTEST:

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk

Time: 6:10 p.m.

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