The regular meeting of the Hammond Common Council of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana was held on November 8, 2021 in the Hammond City Council Chambers and was available to be viewed at gohammond on Facebook, gohammond.tv live and per Zoom.

Council President Dave Woerpel presided.

Council Coordinator Carmen I. Balboa facilitated.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by all.
Moment of Silence was observed.

ROLL CALL
PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Torres, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel
ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT PER ZOOM: None
ABSENT: Alexander
TOTAL: 8

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Chief of Staff Phil Taillon - Good evening. I'm gonna be quick, I just have two items to share this evening. First, I know everyone in here is aware of the Hessville Bridge Project that I think we've talked about quite a bit, just off of Parrish Avenue. In fact, I know we approved some of our American Rescue Plan dollars for that specific project for that specific project just recently, probably last month or so. However, we have had recently at some of our public meetings, a few people who have been outspoken against the project because of the Briar East Woods and some of the trees that have to be removed and, obviously, they have other concerns as well. So what we're doing in response to that is we are going to send out a survey to the folks in Hessville, the residents in Hessville, that will be directly impacted by the bridge project. We want to hear from them as to do they support the project or do they not, and they'll have an opportunity through this survey to give other comments as far as what concerns and other opinions they may have as well. The people that will be getting the survey, it will be Kennedy Avenue to the west, 165th Street to the north, the sound wall to the south, and Grand Avenue to the east. So that gives you a general idea of the homeowners that will receive the survey. Each household will get one survey. It will have one vote and one response. We're not doing it how many people per house. We're gonna need to have them back by December 7th because we want to announce the results to everybody at our Mayor's Night Out on December 8th. The survey will give them an opportunity to give different responses as far as how much the trains have impacted them adversely over the years since they obviously live in Hessville or if they haven't, they'll be able to share that as well. We've done this several times in the past. We've done it for Boy Scout Road in the past. There was one for South Hammond for a street closure that we were looking at. The surveys have, you know, had mixed results. Depending on the results of the survey will depend on whether this project goes forward. Now, obviously, this was a project that we're using local tracks funds to match our funds. I believe we were closer to somewhere in the $2 million range and the project all together is $11 million. So we're getting a lot of value from this program that we're using to build the bridge. But again, we want to hear directly from the residents that will be impacted by this project. So that survey will be going out in the next ten days. If any of you know Hessville families, please encourage them to

MAYOR'S ADDRESS cont.

Chief of Staff Phil Taillon cont. - respond to the survey no matter what their opinion is on this particular project. Secondly, I just want to give a quick update on something that has bothered me for a very long time and I know it's bothered most of you too and that's the Columbia Avenue fence. This is just north of 165th Street. There was a fence that was constructed many years ago. It was there long before I started fourteen years ago, so I know it was longer than that. Probably closer to sixteen, seventeen years ago. When it was constructed on residents properties. So as the fence has bee deteriorating over the years, and we've all seen panels have been knocked out, kicked out, the weather has affected it. It really has become an eyesore in the area. If you drive by it now, you see blankets on top of the fence, you see tarp, it really is not a good example of the city of Hammond when you drive by. We have been trying to work on replacing this fence for quite a while. It's been a challenge because of the fact that it is on residential property. If it was on city property you just find the funding for it, you replace it, we're done. In this situation we had to reach out to every resident who part of the fence resides and ask them to sign a paper to give us permission to replace the fence. Almost every resident did, however there are two, what I would call "hold outs" at this time, that have not signed the paper. We are at the point now where we are done waiting. Our attorney has sent a couple letters to these residents being very direct on what we are trying to accomplish. At this point we are going to move forward with the fence project. If the two residents won't sign, then they're going to basically have an empty open yard. Because right now they are holding up the entire neighborhood getting a nice new fence. So, I'm not giving the residents names or calling out any specific addresses but let's hope that the two houses that have not responded to date will respond once they receive the letter from our Corporation Council. But as I said, we are going to move forward with this project either way. In that area, if you've driven by, and I know all the council people do on a regular basis, we're seeing a lot of improvement over there. The water tower has finally been done and fixed. There was a building just south of it that's been an eye sore that has just been renovated and looks great. It looks modern, it looks clean, no more broken windows. We know that there's a state agency that's gonna be leasing that building. It's been fixed. The old Legend's Bar has been completely renovated and painted and looks nice. The old Stardust Bowling Alley is now the indoor storage facility that we are all aware of that looks very nice and, obviously, they've done a lot of landscaping to make sure that people going by on the bike path wouldn't be looking at, you know, an old eye sore deteriorated sight. So, this fence, I think goes along with a lot of the other improvement that we are seeing , specifically in this area so it's exciting to announce to you that it's gonna get done one way or another. I'd be happy to answer any questions that anybody has.

Councilwoman Venecz - I seem to recall, many years ago, when the homes were built with the backyard to Columbia Avenue, that's on Rev. Burns Dr. I believe, I seem to recall that the homeowner's signed an agreement that they would be responsible for the fence. What happened to that?

Chief of Staff Phil Taillon - Great question, so you may recall, and this was many years ago, there were a number of boxes of paperwork that Planning and Development had that disappeared. We at this point have to assume some of the agreements were in those boxes. This was in The Times. It was a long time ago. It was an indoor storage unit and somehow they disappeared. I believe at the time Mayor Dedelow was the Mayor. We at this point assume that the paperwork was in there because we can't find the agreements. We don't have anything specific that says what the city was going to do in the future. Because, obviously, just because you're constructing a fence, it's gonna get worn as time goes on. I believe the same thing as you, Councilwoman

MAYOR'S ADDRESS cont.

Chief of Staff Phil Taillon cont. - Venecz, that the residents knew that in the future they were going to have to fix their own fence, however at this point that is not an option because a lot of the residents just can't do it or won't do it. So if we don't do it, we are going to continuously keep driving by this area and keep dealing with what we are dealing with right now.

Councilman Torres - What's the target date for the renovation of this fence?

Chief of Staff Phil Taillon - That's the good news. We've been told by the fence company that they can actually construct the fence in the wintertime. So I think we're giving a little bit more time to see if we get a response from the two hold out homeowners. But either way you should see the fence constructed sometime in the winter. Whether that's December or January, you know, I can't say 100% because we are giving a little bit of leeway for responses for these homeowners that have not yet. And I should mention, I saw Councilman Tyler speak up, Councilman Tyler and Mayor Tom are sharing the cost for the fence reconstruction project. Thank you very much Council Tyler for something, obviously, that's very much needed.

Councilman Tyler - Thanks, Phil. As you know, this is something that we've been talking about and trying to work towards for well over a year now. I hand delivered letters to all the residents that live on those two blocks of Rev. Burns Dr., I think back in November of last year saying that our target date was to get this project completed by the middle of this year and of course that didn't happen. No fault of anyone working for the city. I want to go on record in saying that we've been trying to get the residents, as you shared, to sign these agreements and we didn't want to move forward without every single resident signing on it so know our hand is kind of forced because we don't want to wait much longer because it is an eyesore. We've had reports of people coming off of Columbia Avenue walking through people's back yards. So there's been some issues connected to this and so I'm happy that we are going to move forward with it. Thank you for the Mayor because I thought I was gonna end up covering the cost 100%. But he spoke up and is willing to go half on it with me, so I really appreciate that. Thank you to all the residents who have responded, everyone who has been helpful in this project. The fence, I want to say, is over twenty years old. I think Mayor McDermott was sharing today. So it is time for a new one. And Councilwoman Venecz, the new agreement is just for the residents to allow us to go on their property to remove the old fence and erect a new fence. Then it is our responsibility moving forth to take care of it. So we shouldn't run into a issue like this in the future because it will be the city's responsibility. There's also a good warranty that we're getting from the company that's installing the fence, in terms of any damage that should happen to it too. So I think were covering all of our bases this time so I'm excited to get this thing done. Thanks, Phil.

Chief of Staff Phil Taillon - And let me mention, thank you, Councilman Tyler, there's no cost burden to the homeowners whatsoever, if they just sign the paper and allow us to reconstruct the fence. Also want to thank Africa Tarver, our Executive Director of Planning and Development. I know she walked some of the streets and the houses as well trying to get signatures. Thank you to her as well.

Councilman Emerson - Along those lines, another fence in the 3rd District and it's absolutely beautiful, it's the old Fareed Brothers Storage area on Conkey and it runs to Kenwood, I believe. I mean this is like a four block

MAYOR'S ADDRESS cont.

Councilman Emerson cont. - fence and it used to be, just a , you know, the meshed fence and weeds would grow up and weeds would turn into trees, actually. They completely cut all the trees down and the fence goes from Conkey to, I believe, Kenwood by the cemetery. And it's really great and whether it has anything to do with the train, I don't know, but it was sorely needed and it looks great. That's in the 3rd.

Chief of Staff Phil Taillon - And I believe they renovated the building on that property too. If we're thinking about the same property off of Conkey Street. They tuck pointed it, it looks so much better. So I know exactly where you're talking about. I, obviously, worked on Conkey Street for many years prior to coming to city hall and yeah, they did a great job, I agree.

Councilman Kalwinski - Maybe I heard it wrong, but are we using public dollars on private property?

Chief of Staff Phil Taillon - We are. So, we, obviously, spoke to attorneys to make sure that this was legal, and it is. Because we constructed the fence many years ago, and I'm not sure if at the time they did that, how they did it. Because the paperwork is missing so we don't know exactly how it was financed or how it was legally done. But because the city constructed the fence, our attorney is saying we can legally replace it as long as we have the residents approval to allow us to replace the fence that we originally put up.

Councilman Kalwinski - And we have proof that we put it up?

Chief of Staff Phil Taillon - I know everybody kinda knows we did it. When you say proof, I mean, I'm sure there's something in the minutes that show that we put it up. I think we do have paperwork showing that we did construct the fence. What we don't have is something signed by the residents saying that they will maintain the fence going forward as there are issues that come up. Does that make sense? So, there is paperwork talking about the fence project and there are minutes from meetings talking about the project being completed by the city. I don't think we have any paperwork showing that Hammond residents knew that they had to take ownership of the fence after it was constructed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Spitale, supported by Councilman Emerson, moved to approve the minutes of October 25, 2021 and place on file.

ROLL CALL VOTE (approval)
AYES: Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Torres, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Alexander
Motion carried 8/0/1 MINUTES APPROVED

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APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Councilman Rakos, supported by Councilwoman Venecz, moved to approve the claims from October 29, 2021 through November 3, 2021. Claim #5383 through claim #5639, inclusive.

ROLL CALL VOTE (approval)
AYES: Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Torres, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Alexander
Motion carried 8/0/1 CLAIMS APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

21-43 An Ordinance Vacating a 22,690 square foot portion of Forsyth Square lying between 119th St., Warwick Ave., Hamann Court and Forsyth Square in the city of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana

George Stoya - Nobody knows what's going on. You vacated some property. I'm assume that you either sold it for a nominal sum to some developer and nobody knows if he's gonna build condo's or if he's gonna build a store, if he's gonna make a parking lot out of it. I don't know. Nobody knows. It'd be nice to know. There was never any discussion here. What's going on. I like Phil's idea, let's get a survey and run it out there to all the people around 119th , see what they want to do with it. That would be nice. Didn't think that was gonna happen but none the less, the idea's there and I think it's a good idea. But if it doesn't happen I'm not gonna worry about it. But we'd like to know what's going on.

Council President Woerpel - Mr. Smith would you like to respond to that?

Councilwoman Venecz - I would like to pint out that we had a committee meeting at 5:15 p.m. and discussed this at length.

Nicholas Smith, Smith (unclear) Real Estate Investments - Good evening Council, I am Nicholas Smith. I also have my colleague and partner Nancy Frigo of All Star Services and our attorney, Joe Svetanoff. We have proposed a development for the Forsyth Square piece of property. We had been working diligently, and we are extremely appreciative of the efforts of the city staff, Brian Poland, Anne Anderson and Africa Tarver. We are proposing eight townhomes on this lot right now. It would be a configuration of three on the north side of that property, two in the middle, and three on the south side. There's still some other processes that we have to work with the city on but that is the overall proposal that we submitted to the city at this time.

Nancy Frigo - It's going to be a lovely, beautiful, development there, sir. It really will be a benefit to the area.

David Pustek - In November or December I recall reading something where this particular Forsyth Square that your council is considering developers on this. But I didn't hear anything after that. At the last Council meeting an ordinance was presented, and again, it was very vague, it's like what's going on? What's going on with this

PUBLIC HEARINGS cont.

David Pustek cont. - property? I didn't know that we were gonna do this today otherwise I would have had something written prepared. But, it just so happens today I went to the property, I was shopping at Strack & Van Til's and it's right there, so I went to that property to look it over. There were two fathers and their kids playing catch, which is what the property is supposed to be for. So, I guess what I want to say is, Councilman Kalwinski, the two At-Large Council Members, they don't live in Robertsdale. I don't think they fairly represent Robertsdale for us. If they did and if they were serious, they would go an extra effort to ask the residents wha\t they want. And then also listen to their response. Now I talked with these two fathers and they new nothing about it and they were very upset that this is happening without their knowledge. So again, this is another process that seems to be rigged because of lack of communication.

Councilwoman Venecz - I'd like to request Phil, certainly, Brian Poland, if you could please come to the podium and explain the process that there are steps that must be followed in order to accomplish a project of this nature.

Chief of Staff Phil Taillon - Brian definitely will be able to talk to you about the process that we went through to get to this point in asking for the vacation today. I just wanted to bring up that the city is looking for new residential ... new areas that we can bring in new residential opportunities for people. We have ... I believe the city has done a good job. The Council and the Mayor, of laying the groundwork to create an environment that is attractive for families. However, we have an older housing stock throughout the entire city. I hear this constantly from people that maybe are looking at the city of Hammond. They want some new more modern housing available and we found that out through any project we've done in the city that we've built homes, they sell before the house is completed. We found that out in Robertsdale on Lake Avenue. We saw what the city of Whiting has done. Buying older houses, combining them, building bigger homes. We've seen what they've done, I can't remember the name of the development in Whiting where they've constructed homes that are $400-500 thousand. So we know in the city of Hammond we have a challenge of finding areas to put new housing in that will be attractive to families. We're looking at it at the Clark Fields. We're looking at it in Hessville off of Florida Avenue, which I'm sure a lot of you have heard about. We built homes in Parrish Square, they sold as soon as we built them. So we know if we find the areas that we build new housing, people will come, they will buy them, they will pay taxes in our city and relieve some of the burden from the rest of us. There's been projects that we've taken on where we've removed housing, including the old Riverpark apartments which I know all of us are very familiar with. When you do something like that, although it was a great decision because we were having so many police issues there, but we lost a lot of population in that area when that happened. So, now is the time to start looking throughout the entire city for areas that we can construct new types of housing. We've heard from people, if there are town homes available, if there are new ranch style homes available, if there are condominiums available, we're seeing what's going on in Downtown Hammond with the apartments that ar gonna be constructed, we know that we've got to find more opportunities throughout the entire city. This is one of those opportunities that we are looking at. Brian can spek better to the process that we went through, including the RFQ, I believe it was, when we were looking at trying to figure out what type of housing would fit well at this site.

Council President Woerpel - Phil, just for clarification, this wasn't just an idea that was thought up two weeks ago, correct?

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PUBLIC HEARING cont.

Chief of Staff Phil Taillon - The meetings we've had about this particular site ...

Council President Woerpel - Public meetings.

Chief of Staff Phil Taillon - I don't know how many public .... oh okay, so through Redevelopment I'm sure there were some public meetings but let's talk internally for a second. We've been talking about this site for well over a year we've been working on this project. So this has been going on a long time. A lot of internal meetings about it but Anne Anderson is bringing up that Redevelopment has had meetings on this as well. So, again, I'm giving you the thought process as to we've got to find more areas for new housing. I understand that maybe there's people out there, as a Hammond resident, thinking I don't want any new people moving into my area or my neighborhood. I suppose that could be a thought process but in the end the more businesses you bring, the more new residents you bring, the more taxes they pay, the less burden on everybody else. When you bring in new more modern housing you also become more attractive to a different demographic that won't come because right now they don't want to buy a house that was built in 1940's. You know, a lot of us do, some don't. So you just want to make sure you have different types of opportunities for different people. Long winded answer, sorry.

Brian Poland, Director of City Planning - The Redevelopment Commission embarked upon this process, basically last year at this time. There was and RFP that went out for soliciting developers who were interested in developing housing at this site. Through the Redevelopment Commission process there was a lot of discussions as far as reviewing the qualifications of the proposals. Getting an idea of what type of development can occur and then we started getting into some of the technical aspects of it. We've been looking at different options and site plans and that's where what was discussed in the caucus was that we kind of settled on the eight town houses with three units grouped together, then two units, then three units. So the property we are talking about technically is in the right of way, so that is why this is a process to vacate that right of way. That converts the area into real property or taxable property. Once this process is completed, this is In essence the first step in a series of processes that have to occur. But once this is completed we can now take the steps through the Plan Commission. The Plan Commission will have to approve a subdivision so it becomes a proper legal description and then the Plan Commission will have to do a recommendation on the proper zoning based on the number of units and the size of the property. The Council will then act upon the re-zoning to approve it or as you see fit to handle it. After that point we'll really do the deep dive into the details of the development. At this point I don't know if there's gonna be any variances, that's yet to be determined. But that would be another step through the Board of Zoning Appeals should that occur. The, just so everybody understands, the Plan Commission process and the BZA process are public hearing processes. They are public notification processes. So there will be for the re-zoning and the variances, all property owners within 300 feet will be receiving certified mails about when those meetings are going to occur.

COMMUNICATION
None

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council as a Whole Committee - Councilwoman Venecz - Bringing out 21-43 and 21-44.

Capital Improvement Board - Councilwoman Venecz - No meeting on November 1st. Next meeting is on November 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. here in the Council Chambers.

Community and Crime Watch Committee - Councilwoman Venecz - Upcoming meetings:

Dec. 1; Edison Community Watch; 6:30 p.m.; Edison School
Edison Community Watch on the Road; Nov. 9; 1:00 p.m.; Golden Manor Senior Apt.'s
Harrison Park Crime Watch; Dec. 7; 6:30 p.m.; VFW on Hohman
Hessville Crime Watch; Nov. 18; Jean Shepard Center; 6:00 p.m.
Irving Community Watch; Dec. 3; 9:15 a.m.; Irving School
Whiting/Robertsdale Crime Watch; Nov. 11; 6:30 p.m.; Calumet College
Hammond Elderly; Dec. 9; 1:00 p.m.; at their building

I would like to point out that we always ask people to say something if you see something. Anything that's suspicious at all. We had a real unfortunate incident on Halloween that an individual was apprehended because the neighbors got involved. They saw where this person went. They said he's over there. As he ran they were able to follow him. So please, really make an effort to keep your neighborhood safe. Come to your Crime Watch meetings and get some tips for the safety of your property, yourself, and your family. Because community is not just about me, it's about us.

ORDINANCE 3RD READING - FINAL PASSAGE

21-43 An Ordinance Vacating a 22,690 square foot portion of Forsyth Square lying between 119th St., Warwick Ave., Hamann Court and Forsyth Square in the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana

Councilwoman Venecz, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved for final passage.

Councilwoman Venecz - We've had discussions this evening in the Public Hearing and also in Caucus and there was a Committee Meeting. The plan for this property is eight town homes and it would be a very nice addition to the neighborhood and I'm asking for your support.

Councilman Kalwinski - In response to being transparent, about a year ago I wrote an article in The Right Stuff mentioning that soil samplings, soil borings were taking place on Forsyth Square in connection with development on that entire block. So it hit every front door in my district, that paper does. So up until now there hasn't been any movement to report on until this vacation ordinance appeared. So, I just want to be clear that this was reported when I knew something was going to be happening and preliminarily that was soil borings. I think Anne Anderson can verify that. What I knew then is what I wrote in the article. So I think that the residents of the 1st District were given information about a year ago about what might be coming and up until this point in time we had no new information about anything until the vacation of the property occurred

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ORDINANCE 3RD READING - FINAL PASSAGE cont.

ROLL CALL VOTE (passage of 21-43)
AYES: Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Torres, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Alexander
Motion carried 8/0/1 ORDINANCE NO. 9529 PASSED

21-44 An Ordinance Creating a New Fund (Fund #297) for FY2022 Lake County Drunk Driving Task Force Grant Funds

Councilman Spitale, Supported by Councilwoman Venecz, moved for passage.

Councilman Spitale - It comes before us every year for the purpose of providing drunk driving injuries and fatalities in the amount of $80 thousand. Basically, that's it.

ROLL CALL VOTE (passage of 21-44)
AYES: Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Torres, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Alexander
Motion carried 8/0/1 ORDINANCE NO. 9530 PASSED

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

21-45 An Ordinance Creating New Funds (Fund #274, Fund #277, Fund #279, Fund #289) for FY2022 Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program (CHIRP) Grant Funds

Councilman Spitale, supported by Councilwoman Venecz, moved the proposed ordinance to 1st and 2nd reading by title and referred it to the Council as a Whole Committee with a Committee Meeting on November 22, 2021 at 5:15p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE (1st and 2nd Reading & CAW)
AYES: Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Torres, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Alexander
Motion carried 8/0/1 MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS
None

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NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council President Woerpel - By the next meeting we have three Council appointments up from what I can tell on the sheet. They're all up as far as December 31st. That is the Redevelopment Commission, we've got two commissioners. The current Commissioners ar Miriam Soto-Pressley and Gregory Myricks. There's also a vacancy on the Gaming Advisory Board, Melissa Farrell. We can do that by either resolution or just in New and Unfinished Business, whenever the Council wishes. The other thing is, like we discussed last week, there will be no second meeting in December so I'll entertain a motion to cancel that second meeting on December 27th.

Councilwoman Venecz, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved to cancel the Council meeting on December 27th.

Councilman Tyler - We affirmed that we don't need that meeting for purposes for the Controller?

Council President Woerpel - I've spoken with the Controller and she said it's fine.

ROLL CALL VOTE (cancel 12/27/21 Council Meeting)
AYES: Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Torres, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Alexander
Motion carried 8/0/1 DECEMBER 27, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLED

Councilman Emerson - I would like to thank everybody that came out to the Veteran's Appreciation Day Parade and one of our own, Councilman Dan Spitale, was the Grand Marshall and he did a great job in his post brief speech. He said a lot of things that touched a lot of hearts and I want to thank everybody for coming out. It was our 8th Annual Parade.

Councilman Kalwinski - I too would like to extend gratitude and thanks to the Whiting Lyons Club and Congressman Mrvan for participating at the War Memorial at Forsythe Park, the laying of bricks for Veteran's on Saturday for the Veteran's Day celebration that is conducted at Forsythe Park. It was well attended and fifteen more bricks were laid in the ground to honor Veteran's serving in the various armed forces.

Councilman Tyler - I just want to send condolences to Councilwoman Alexander. She's spending time with her family after her uncle passed away. The services are tomorrow. So, from us here at the Council with the City, I just want to give her family our prayers and condolences as they mourn his passing.

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PUBLIC EXPRESSION

George Stoya - I stopped going to the Caucus meetings because I objected to everything being discussed in there and nothing being discussed out here. Nobody knows anything. We look at these agendas, we don't know what's going on. So If I want to question something, I will. Thank you President Woerpel for calling these developers up. That's all I wanted, an explanation.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE (adjourn meeting)
AYES: Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Torres, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Alexander
Motion carried 8/0/1 MEETING ADJOURNED

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2021 HAMMOND COMMON COUNCIL ATTENDANCE RECORD OF
ELECTRONIC AND PHYSICAL PRESENCE

	May	June		July		Aug		Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec	
	24	14	28	12	26	9	23	13	27	12	25	8	22	13	27
Katrina Alexander	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	A			
Dan Spitale	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Janet Venecz	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Mark Kalwinski	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P			
Pete Torres	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Barry Tyler	E	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P			
Bill Emerson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Scott Rakos	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Dave Woerpel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Initials	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG				

E=ELECTRONIC

P=PHYSICALLY PRESENT

A=ABSENT

If the member qualifies for an exemption from the "Consecutive - 50" requirements, draw a circle around the E for that meeting/ member.

Dave Woerpel, President
Hammond Common Council

ATTEST:

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk

Time: 6:55
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