The regular meeting of the Hammond Common Council of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana was held on December 22, 2025 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.

City Clerk Robert J. Golec facilitated.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by all.
A moment of silence was observed.

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

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Mayor McDermott - I want to thank the eight Council people that are present in attendance, as we still have important information and important things to do before the end of the year. So I appreciate the Council having a second meeting this month. I know it's not very common that we have two in December, so I appreciate you all being here. I know today we have a Data Center Development Agreement extension. Obviously, we hope the Council extends. If you'll indulge me for a couple minutes I want to remind you how we got here in the first place. On June 3rd 2025, six months ago, the City of Hammond entered into a Development Agreement with Decennial Group and CoreWeave for a new 450 thousand sq. ft. AI focused Data Center on 25 acres at 301 Digital Crossroads Drive. The current Development Agreement expires on December 31st, 2025, which is why we're all talking today. Tonight my administration is asking the Hammond Council to approve a sixty day extension to our original agreement. I want to point out that our original agreement does allow for unlimited extensions if all parties agree. This proposed extension was unanimously approved by the Hammond Redevelopment Commission last week. No terms of the deal are being changed. This is simply additional time to finalize remaining items. I want to go through a few of the parts that may be applicable. It's something we want to talk about. Project structure and investment. Decennial will construct the building. CoreWeave will be the sole tenant under a twenty year lease. CoreWeave is already operating an existing Data Center at 100 Digital Crossroads Drive and will continue operations there as well. This is a multi-billion dollar investment. The largest in Hammond's history. Further establishes Hammond as the best Data Center location in Indiana. Something I strongly believe in. City benefits and financial impact, we've already worked this out in a Development Agreement where the City of Hammond receives $4 million a year in community impact payments for the next twenty years for a total of $80 million. That revenue's more than enough to fully fund the College Bound Scholarship program for the next twenty years but that's something we all have to work out once this Development Agreement is entered into. Decennial is requesting a standard ten year construction abatement and Core Weave is requesting a twenty year 100% technology deduction, in accordance with Indiana Law, on their equipment. Both at their existing site and at the new facility. That's standard protocol. For a large project, 10 year tax abatement, something we routinely cover. That's what Decennial's requesting. Core Weave is

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Mayor McDermott - getting 100% deduction, which is what makes Indiana so appealing to these Data Center developers, because we abate all the technology that they put into these facilities. Power agreement and rate payer protection, power negotiations are ongoing between Decennial and NIPSCO. I can confirm that a proposed power agreement was submitted last Friday by NIPSCO to Decennial and that discussions continue with all parties, including CoreWeave. The developer will pay for all infrastructure and electrical capacity, Hammond rate payers will not be impacted. Additional development commitment, by holding firm to a tight 60 day extension, which we hope you'll all approve, the city has secured an additional $25 million lump sum commitment from the developer. That payment is currently being finalized and will be fully documented during the sixty day period. We intend to use those funds for capital improvement projects throughout the City of Hammond. It was pointed out that these payments need to go through a not for profit so we're thinking of using HDC as a facilitator. If that does happen there will be full transparency with the Hammond Council as to what these monies are being used for. Bottom line, the sixty day extension keeps the transformational project moving forward. The terms remain unchanged. The city is protected financially by doing so and the benefits to Hammond are historic and long term. So, we will hope that you'll approve this extension. I don't know if you all have any questions about this before I go on with the rest of my report or if I should do the rest of my report, Mr. President?

Councilman Kalwinski - So, CoreWeave and/or Decennial are in negotiation with NIPSCO and they're going to pay all the infrastructure dollars to generate more electricity?

Mayor McDermott - Yes, sir. They have to pay for the infrastructure, additional, like, substations, transformers, circuit breakers, lines, and they also have to make a commitment, because NIPSCO has to go out and find this power. So NIPSCO may find the power in Michigan, may find the power in Kansas at a wind farm. NIPSCO has to scout out this power for the next twenty years so that Decennial doesn't just skip town and leave NIPSCO holding the bag. So, Decennial has to come up with $25 to $50 million, maybe more, right now to NIPSCO so that NIPSCO can go out, and that's really what's been holding this project up, Councilman.

Councilman Kalwinski - Here's my concern, and maybe it's not even warranted, but if they're paying for all this infrastructure and if we start having issues with enough electricity at times for the County or for the City, will they have a special place to stay on and the residents get turned off.

Mayor McDermott - I'm not positive, but I'm pretty sure we're all on the same grid. I know we're all on the same grid. But, the electrons that go to the Data Center could also flow to the City but they're metered separately. That's more of a NIPSCO question, Councilman. I'm not an expert on the electrical grid. But I did used to work for NIPSCO. Everybody's on the same grid. Even Kansas is on the same grid as Hammond is on the same grid as Washington, D.C., and the electrons just flow freely and they're metered and that's the difference. So if you put, even a solar house puts power onto the grid, you get payed for that. Because you put power onto the grid, so.

Councilman Kalwinski - The reason I'm asking is it's a concern and I've read that in Texas they had a issue a few years ago and I had a relative out there who actually was elderly and didn't have water, heat, electricity and he deteriorated and really didn't ever come back from that. What I understand is the State of Texas was looking

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Councilman Kalwinski cont. - at State Laws on the distribution of electric power to make sure residents would stay on primarily in the event that there was another brownout and if there wasn't enough at the time, that residents would be first and then industry and data centers, etc., would come on as power was there again.

Mayor McDermott - Well, keep in mind that the Data Center also has emergency back up power. Because the power can't go out at these data centers. They have to have power. So, if the electric grid fails, which it sometimes does, they're gonna have back up generators and/or battery powered that will help power that plant and keep it running, because they can't lose power. Once they turn it on it has to stay on. Another thing I want to point out that's something that slowed us down on this project is something NIPSCO is doing. I'm not sure if it's consistent with what's going on in Texas, but NIPSCO created a subsidiary called GENCO. GENCO only deals with data centers. So GENCO deals with data centers, data centers deal with GENCO, and even though we're fighting over the same electrons, data centers are treated separately in Indiana. I don't know if that's good or bad for the residents but I do know that that held us up for quite a while, Councilman.

Councilman Kalwinski - And the $25 million bonus, when does that come to the City?

Mayor McDermott - We're working on that right now.

Councilman Kalwinski - I mean, do they have to be under construction first?

Mayor McDermott - That's exactly what we're working on right now. I think they would prefer to have it as late as possible and I think we would prefer to have it as early as possible so that's sort of what we're disagreeing over.

Councilman Kalwinski - I'm not sure if you've had discussions about that but will that go in the general fund or ...

Mayor McDermott - It can't, it needs to go to a not for profit. That's one thing. I imagine they're using it for a tax write off. But these are the things that we're discussing right now, Councilman.

Councilman Kalwinski - Oh, so it would be non profit dollars.

Mayor McDermott - Yes, sir. It would be for a not for profit. I imagine if I'm a company and I'm donating $25 million to a not for profit, they'll probably write it off on their books, right? Where as if they gave it to us I'm not sure if they get treated the same, it's above my pay grade, so. These are all being worked on though. Because right now I think it's a verbal agreement as it stands right now, I think they have to literally be open as a data center before we get paid which is 2028, late 2027. I'd prefer to have it sooner, personally. So, we're working on that, Councilman. Thank you for the questions.

Councilman Salinas - Question, Mayor. So this $25 million that Councilman asked about, this is part of the sixty days or not part of the sixty day agreement?

Mayor McDermott - That's what we're gonna be working on during the sixty days, Councilman.

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Councilman Salinas - Because if we're voting on it, it's not part of it ...

Mayor McDermott - Right now it's not part of it, correct.

Councilman Salinas - Ok, so it's not ...

Mayor McDermott - It's a verbal, it's a verbal, and we want to paper it. Verbal is reat but papering it up is much better.

Councilman Salinas - Yeah, I didn't see it in here. (Unclear)

Mayor McDermott - Right now the commitment over the next twenty years is in there. I want to congratulate my negotiating team for bringing up this signing bonus, so to speak. So, we're talking big numbers here. So, I know $25 million is a lot of money, we all know $25 million's a lot of money but this data center, when it's all built out, could be worth $6 to $7 billion. So, $25 billion to people that are funding a $7 billion dollar campus is not a lot of money. But, I imagine they still want to right it off on their taxes. Though we're gonna work on these issues, Councilman.

Councilman Salinas - Good job, thank you.

Mayor McDermott - Thank you, Councilman.

Councilman Tyler - Excuse me, so I don't recall, what are the exact next steps? So, like, if we do approve this extension, I now they need to formally enter into the actual agreement terms of the agreement, then what happens after that? Can they just start building?

Mayor McDermott - I think NIPSCO and them, until they get on the same page, there's ... so, first off, sixty days, is that enough to finish this agreement? I hope so. But, we may be back here asking for another extension. There are unlimited extensions allowed in this. I'm not interested in unlimited extensions, Council people. I want this thing done, and if this group can't get it done, let's get a group in here that can get it done. Because Hammond has the best data center location in the State of Indiana, so it's frustrating for me watching NIPSCO and Decennial fight over power. It's frustrating. We got the best location in the State. So I think if this sixty day window doesn't work out, Councilman, I think we should think long and hard about terminating this agreement and moving on, personally. Okay? But we do have a good agreement worked out for the City of Hammond, so I do want to see it get done. But if it's not, if they can't get it done, I'm seeing multi-billion deals get done all over the State, and we have a better piece of property.

Councilman Kalwinski - This is a bit of an aside, they're a hyper scaler, so they're large. Bigger than usual.

Mayor McDermott - CoreWeave?

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Councilman Kalwinski - And they're not ... they told us when they were here making the presentation that they were not going to use Lake Michigan water to cool the systems.

Mayor McDermott - Right.

Councilman Kalwinski - Do you know how they're gonna ...

Mayor McDermott - I think it's a jelly that they use now. When we first started our data center it was water cooled, and they moved on, technology-wise from that. So, like, if you look at ... they're proposing a data center in Hobart, there's not water anywhere near that data center they're proposing in Hobart. So, I think, technology-wise, they've moved on to like a gel cooled. Is that what it is, Councilman?

Councilman Salinas - When we toured their facility with Rambo he explained to us that it was all air handlers. He actually showed us that part of the outside area. I mean, it must have been over fifty air handlers.

Mayor McDermott - But think about a day like today, well it's not as cold today, but over the last week our ambient temperature could of more than cooled that.

Councilman Salinas - And all that equipment's encapsuled, you know, behind glass and whatnot.

Mayor McDermott - Thank you. But I know our current data center uses water but I believe, technology-wise, they've gone past that. But I still think we have the best location in the state. Even though water's not necessarily a part of it anymore. That answer your question, Councilman Barry?

Councilman Tyler - Sorry, my actual question was, if we do pass this extension, let's say that the agreement is agreed upon, what is the next step? Because for whatever reason I thought I remembered that it would have to be brought back in front of us before it could actually move forward. Is that the case right now?

Mayor McDermott - I imagine that's probably true. I imagine we'd have to go to Redevelopment again and Council again because there are gonna be terms that are different in the agreement. More lucrative for us, I hope. So, I imagine there's no possibility of us not being back before you again, Councilman.

Councilman Tyler - My only other question is from an environmental standpoint, I know that we're saying that they likely wouldn't use water. I was reading a couple of articles, I know that all of the Council got them and there were a couple more, because I'm kind of having this conversation with my full time job in Chicago too about use of AI and the impact on the environment. Have we done, from our Environmental Department, have we done a study or come up with a set of guidelines of what we as a city deem fit, even if that is different than what the State might say? Or are pretty much going in line with what the State is recommending in terms of the formation of data centers and what guidelines they have to abide by?

Mayor McDermott - We don't have any separate criteria in Hammond. That the State doesn't have, no. That would be something that, I imagine, you guys would have to tackle. But, if we were going to try and tackle

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Mayor McDermott cont. - something like that I'd be very cautious so that we don't make ourselves unappealing, you know. I mean, we're very appealing in Hammond to data centers because we're a stones throw away from Chicago. It is surrounded by Lake Michigan, even though it's not used for cooling. But it did used to be a power plant. So, when I first took over as Mayor that was a stinky coal burning power plant that people lived next to. So I think a data center is a welcome relief compared to what it was. So, all I would ask, if we were gonna start chewing on that type of issue is that we be very careful so that we don't make ourselves unappealing. Because this is transformational what we're talking about. It's the kind of thing that could help us a lot.

Councilman Tyler - Yeah, that makes a lot of sense. I think I, I don't know if the rest of my colleagues would want the same things but just some type of environmental study or analysis of the impact of this center alone on our community or on the environment. I think that would be great if we could get that in partnership with this agreement. I know they can't, maybe they can, I'm not a scientist, I don't necessarily fully understand all of this but I would just like to be a part of that conversation if that does happen or maybe whoever from your administration is having those conversations about the environmental impact. Because I know you are. Just if we could get information about what the anticipated impact would be and if there's anything ...

Mayor McDermott - I'm sure there's not much of an impact if this data center's not gonna use water. There's no emissions, there's hardly any noise. I mean, I don't think it'd be very hard.

Councilman Tyler - Yeah, I'd just like to see that information. Because if there is an impact, which I'm guessing there has to be some impact then we as a Council can decide if there's anything we need to do to try to counter that impact. So, yeah, I'd just like to see that and be a part of ...

Mayor McDermott - But there's nothing like that, first of all.

Councilman Tyler - Not right now.

Mayor McDermott - All I ask is too not make us so unappealing that they skip us and go to Gary or they skip us and go to East Chicago and East Chicago gets to reap in hundreds of millions of dollars that could have come here. That's all I'm saying. We're very appealing right now. I sympathize with you and appreciate your points just be careful, that's all I'm saying. Okay? Any other questions on data centers. The rest of my report will be pretty easy. We good? I can move on? Okay. Summary of Mayor's schedule for the last two weeks, I met with Kelly Taillon the CEO of the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce regarding the date and venue locals for the 2026 Mayoral State of the City. It's usually done in conjunction with the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce. Spoiler alert, it's gonna be on January 29th, 2026 at the Hammond Sportsplex. So, we're coming to the 3rd District for it this year. Met with the Hammond Police Department regarding an incident that happened on 6434 Calumet Avenue, which is Star Paws Puppies, I'm not sure if Councilman Barry heard about it but if you want an update, I'm more than willing to tell you about what happened. We're trying to deal with it right now. It's not very ... it doesn't make me happy when people aren't nice to the Hammond Police Department.

Councilman Tyler - Mayor, what was that address?

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Mayor McDermott - 6434 Calumet Avenue. That's the puppy location.

Councilman Tyler - Okay.

Mayor McDermott - Met with Kevin Roach and his executive team at Laborers Local #41 Union Hall in Munster. It's always good to catch up with the Union in charge of a lot of our employees. Meeting with Councilwoman Janet Venecz regarding issues regarding different City Departments. Attended meetings with representatives from Core Construction in regards to the services they want to offer to the City of Hammond. Met with Tiffany Shelton, Hammond's 4th District; Tony Hauprich, Hammond's 5th District; and Dawn Tomich, Hammond's 6th District, about their reappointment to and the roles they play on the Hammond Redevelopment Commission. Attended a meeting with the team planning the 2026 ICSC Conference booth layouts and focus. Met with Monica Rubio and Mike Dye regarding their reappointment to and the roles they play on the Hammond Sanitary District Board of Directors. Met with former Councilman Mike Opinker regarding his reappointment to, and the role he plays on the Hammond Park Board. Met with Sharon Daniels and Paul Walker about their reappointment to and the roles they play on the Hammond Water Department Board of Directors. Met with a potential customer of the new Hammond Data Center, hopefully. A customer that want to be part of the Hammond Data Center regardless of what happens in the current situation. I choose not to divulge who I met with, okay. I'll tell you guys one on one but I don't feel like doing it on the record. If you guys have a question, please call me. I don't think it's right to do it on the record. But it's nice to know that there's a lot of interest in our data center site. Attended Hammond's Annual Employee Holiday Party at the Hammond Civic Center. I know there was a number of Council people there. I appreciate you being there and I know the employees love to see you guys there. So, thanks for coming by. We had over 500 employees and their spouses in attendance. Food was supplied by Freddy's Steak House, it was great. It was great gifts, great giveaways. I thought everybody had a real good time. So, I appreciate everybody that participated with that. Although I wasn't able to attend the swearing in, I was very happy to see the Hammond Police Department swearing in the most diverse class of officers I've seen as Mayor. Ten brand new police officers joined the ranks of the Hammond P.D. Welcome to the force. I usually always make those. I was out of town for that one. I couldn't attend. I attended a (unclear) in Indianapolis on Indiana Governmental affairs. Talking about all of the stuff in the General Assembly. While I was there I had my second meeting of the month with Governor Braun. So anyway, it was nice to talking to him about economic development projects in our city. Important economic developments projects. Last, but not least, attended the Southshore Convention and Visitor's Bureau's Christmas Party at the Indiana Welcome Center with the former Chief of Staff of mine, Phil Taillon in attendance. He's running it now and I appreciate everything that's going on there. That's all I got unless you all have more questions. Thank you, Council. Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Salinas supported by Councilman Emerson, moved to approve the minutes of December 8, 2025 and place on file. AYES: ALL

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Hammond City Clerk

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Councilwoman Venecz, supported by Councilman Rakos, moved to approve the claims from December 3, 2025 through December 17, 2025. Claim #11028 through claim#11396, inclusive. In the amount of $12,161,709.77.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

25-34 An Ordinance to Appropriate Monies into the 2025 Gaming Fund

No one spoke on the issue.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Rakos - I'd like to thank Clerk Golec and all the Hammond City Council that contributed to the Holiday Food Giveaway, American Legion Post #168. It was on December 16th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. They want to thank us for the contributions and the sponsorship.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY AND CRIME WATCH COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Venecz - Upcoming meetings:

Jefferson Crime Watch; Tues. Jan. 13; 6 p.m.; Jefferson School

I'd like to also thank everyone who participated in and came to pick up their Ring Doorbell. This was a great program for the safety of our City and our neighborhoods, so I thank everyone who participated in that. And on behalf of all the Community and Crime Watch Groups, we'd like to wish everyone Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and have a safe holidays.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD - Councilman Salinas - There was no meeting.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE COMMITTEE - Councilwoman Venecz - Brought out 25-33, 25-34, 25-35, 25-36.

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ORDINANCE THIRD READING - FINAL PASSAGE

25-33 An Ordinance fixing the Salaries for Elected City Officials for the City of Hammond, Indiana Commencing January 1,2026 be it Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana

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

Councilman Rakos - It includes a 2% raise for the Mayor, the Clerk, and the City Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE (passage of 25-33)
AYES: Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Salinas, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Alexander
Motion carried 8/0/1 ORDINANCE NO. 9693 PASSED

25-34 An Ordinance to Appropriate Monies into the 2025 Gaming Fund

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

Councilwoman Venecz - This is an annual cleanup. This cleanup should have been done earlier in the year but we're doing it just now in time for the end of the year.

ROLL CALL VOTE (passage of 25-34)
AYES: Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Salinas, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Alexander
Motion carried 8/0/1 ORDINANCE NO. 9694 PASSED

25-35 An Ordinance Authorizing the City Controller to Transfer Funds From One Line Item to Another Within Various City 2025 Budgets

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

Councilwoman Venecz - Once again, this is an annual cleanup moving items from one line item to another at the end of the year.

ROLL CALL VOTE (passage of 24-35)
AYES: Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Salinas, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Alexander
Motion carried 8/0/1 ORDINANCE NO. 9695 PASSED

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ORDINANCE THIRD READING - FINAL PASSAGE cont.

25-36 An Ordinance Respecting and Ratifying the Actions of the City of Hammond Board of Public Works and Safety Related to Traffic Regulation for 2025

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

Councilman Rakos - Specifically, like the title says, we're ratifying the actions of the Hammond Board of Works. There's only a few of them here, One Way streets and alleys, 1200 Truman, it looks like it was deleted; Resident Only Parking, 173rd Place and 174th Street, Tapper to Calumet; 167th from Alabama west to alley, both sides of the street; Prohibited Parking, in other words, No Parking, at 69th and 7000 block of Parrish.

ROLL CALL VOTE (passage of 25-36)
AYES: Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Salinas, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Alexander
Motion carried 8/0/1 ORDINANCE NO. 9696 PASSED

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES
None

RESOLUTIONS

25R-26 A Resolution of the Hammond Common Council Approving the First Amendment to the Development Agreement among the City of Hammond, Indiana, the City of Hammond Redevelopment Commission, 301 Digital Crossroads, LLC, Decenio Group, LLC, and CoreWeave, Inc. regarding the Project at 100 Digital Crossroads Drive

Councilwoman Venecz, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved for adoption.

Councilwoman Venecz - Mayor outlined exactly what this resolution is. Back in June we approved an agreement between Decenio and CoreWeave for $450 thousand A1 Focused data center at 301 Digital Crossroads in Hammond. The time line for that agreement expired December 30th of this year and both Decenio and CoreWeave are asking for a sixty day extension of the agreement so they can complete their negotiations.

Councilman Kalwinski - I'd just like to make a correction, it's not approximately $450 thousand, it's 450 thousand sq. ft. of a data center.

Councilwoman Venecz - I beg your pardon.

ROLL CALL VOTE (adoption of 25R-26)
AYES: Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Salinas, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Alexander
Motion carried 8/0/1 RESOLUTION R26 ADOPTED

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NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council President Woerpel - Last Council meeting of the year and Christmas coming and the New Year coming, I just want everybody to take a moment and realize that no matter what you see out there in this world, an addict, whatever, rather than ridicule them, realize that they're going through a lot. I can say this with first hand knowledge, no matter what you're going through, if you give it time, it does get better. So, I just want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Venecz - And give the ones you love a hug.

Councilman Tyler - I know our colleague, Councilwoman Alexander, is not here right now. She is over at the Civic Center handing out toys and holiday treats for youth. So just want to congratulate her on her 5th Annual Holiday Treats Giveaway. And thank you for all the families that signed up. The event is going on until 7 o'clock. So if you RGP'd and have not made it over there you still have time to get over there and pick up your toys for your little ones. Thank you.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Tom Kazmierczak - Happy Holidays, Council. Issue came up this weekend that I thought about doing in a more private setting but thought the best way to do it was to address the Council, and my Councilman specifically. So, go Bears.

Mary Schoons - We talk about budget priorities, we need money. But we seem to have plenty of money because we spend $20 million for a pedestrian bridge. So, what are we doing? The Mayor said funding had not been secured to prevent kids from crawling under the trains at Grand Avenue, which is a problem. However, we do have thousands of dollars to put around fencing around Briar East Woods. In February the overflow area was overflowed. To cut down 32 acres of old growth forest endangers the people of Hessville. People still care about this. Thanked Councilman Tyler and Councilman Kalwinski for asking questions about the proposed AI data center. What good is it if it drives up our electric bill and we can't drink the water? They should contribute to our tax base. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilman Salinas, supported by Councilman Tyler, moved to adjourn AYES: ALL

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Hammond City Clerk

2024 HAMMOND COMMON COUNCIL ATTENDANCE RECORD OF ELECTRONIC AND PHYSICAL PRESENCE

	Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec	
	13	27	10	24	10	24	14	28	12	27	9	23	14	28	11	25	8	22	13	27	10	24	8	22
Katrina Alexander	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	A	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
Dan Spitale	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	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	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mark Kalwinski	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Alfonso Salinas III	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Barry Tyler	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Bill Emerson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Scott Rakos	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	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	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Initials	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	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: 6:40
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