

The regular meeting of the Hammond Common Council of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana was held on February 09, 2026 in the Hammond City Council Chambers and was available to be viewed at gohammond on Facebook, gohammond.tv live and per Zoom.

Council President Janet Venecz presided.

City Clerk Robert J. Golec facilitated.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by all.

Moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Alexander, Spitale, Kalwinski, Tyler, Emerson, Woerpel, Rakos, Venecz

ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT PER ZOOM: Salinas

ABSENT: None

TOTAL: 9

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Mayor McDermott- Thanks, Councilwoman. I got a summary of my schedule. I know we have Riverfront District, I'm gonna wait until that comes up before I do my presentation on that and I do want to update the Council after my summary about the Clark High School and Gavit High School situation, some ordeals I've been going through, and this has been of topic as of late. I'll just go ahead and hit it right now if you don't mind. We've been getting a lot of questions for the last couple years, quite frankly, but it seems like it's been picking up steam lately about what's going on with Clark High School and Gavit High School. We checked our records and the City made sure that there's no water hooked up to either of these buildings. It appears that these buildings are falling into disrepair. We've been trying to set up meetings with the School City for quite some time now and have been unsuccessful. This issue came up at the State of the City in front of 450 people. It came up at Mayor's night out. Just watching them slowly deteriorate isn't the answer. We've been trying to make appointments with the School City of Hammond to no avail. At first it was insisted that all the members of the School Board have to be present if we're going to have this meeting and that's hard to do, to line up 5 schedules, and we did, and then it got cancelled. Then they said, ok, the acting Super Intendant is going to meet with you with their Attorney, Jewel Harris, and I said, ok. That meeting was supposed to be tomorrow, and it got cancelled. They said the School Board wants to meet with you on this issue now. Each time these meetings get cancelled, it costs us a couple months to line up all the calendars again, and it's just in the mean time, these schools are just wasting away. They don't have power hooked up to them. They don't have water hooked up to them. They're not being used at all and it's time to stop having this be acceptable. It's not acceptable. That's what failing cities do, they have schools sit around and waste away and I'm not going to be a Mayor of that city. I'm calling on the School City publicly right now to return our phone calls and to set up a meeting so that we can start talking about this issue and what we're going to do with Gavit High School and what we're going to do with Clark High School and once we knock off these 2, I want to move forward. It's time to move forward with both of these schools. They're huge pieces of property. They're marketable pieces of property. Purdue Northwest has interest in the Gavit High School Property. It's time to stop accepting what's going on, and start moving forward, and I'm calling on the School City of Hammond to start returning some phone calls and getting to work with the administration. I don't know if you all have any questions on this, but Councilman Woerpel I

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Mayor McDermott cont.-know, Gavit's right in your district.

Councilman Woerpel- I hear this question non stop, you know, from my residents, and just like you said, they're afraid that before you know it, you're gonna see broken windows and grass sky high, and it's like, it's been closed for awhile now and what's gonna happen? You know?

Mayor McDermott- Councilman Kalwinski, I know you get a lot of questions on this issue as well. Once I find out, I'll obviously be in contact with you, but I think the best way for me to be able to make contact with the School Board and/or the School City is to bring it up here. I don't want the residents to think we're blowing them off. I get issues from the residents, we march forward and try to take care of them, and when you hit brick walls, you gotta let people know what's going on. School City is a brick wall right now. They don't want to talk about this issue and in the mean time, we watch these schools waste away, so it's unacceptable. Alright, my summary of the schedule over the last couple weeks, I appreciate Scott for covering me on the last meeting. He did hit a lot of the things that were going on, but he missed a couple, and I wanted to make sure that we highlighted them for you all. I wanted to say thank you to everyone that worked so hard on the Annual Martin Luther King Candlelight march. As usual, at 6:30 a.m. march was the coldest day of the year. This year with the added pleasure of snow and wind also. It was freezing cold, snowy wind. We still had a great march. We still had a lot of people out there. I want to thank the ministerial alliance, everybody that works special events that worked so hard to set that up, and of course all the residents and all the kids that showed up. It was a really great event. I attended Governor Mike Braun's State of the State address at his invitation, which is unusual. Governor Braun mentioned Hammond, well he mentioned me during the speech, during a portion of the speech, he mentioned my name, he also said we were going to get the job done. He was talking about the Chicago Bears in that section. Obviously, there's a lot going on with that right now. I'll answer what I can, but it's a moving target at all times. I met with the data center ownership group to receive an update on the current situation. Talk about an evolving situation. I met with Wes Lukoshus of the Hammond Hall of Fame Committee regarding future Hall of Fame programming. I attended Purdue Northwest's baseball's very own Chad Patrick's jersey retirement ceremony. Chad was a baseball player for PNW a few years back. He dominated the league in it's division 2 baseball. He dominated it. He was from Hebron, went to Purdue Northwest, lived in Hammond during this run. His first year was pretty awesome, his 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year were remarkable. He got drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers, goes all the way through, makes his Major League debut last year, he was a starting pitcher for the Brewers. During the playoffs, he pitched in the playoffs. This is a kid that played for Purdue Northwest. It's their first pro baseball player. They retired his jersey. I wanted to say congratulations to Chad Patrick, to Coach Dave Griffin, and to Purdue Northwest's Athletic Department, Rick Costello, and the Chancellor and everybody. It was really cool to see that. I held Mayor's night out in Hammond's 1st District, Councilman Mark's District. We were at the Emerald Green Lost Marsh Clubhouse. There was a lot of talk about potential Economic Development projects that's looking in that part of our city. It was a big turn out. It was a great meeting. I held the State of the City the next day. 450 tickets sold. We did this one at the Sportsplex. It was nice. We had a good sound system in there and it was a big space. It was the new space. I want to thank the Council people that attended. I think it was a really good day. I know for the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, it was a good fund raiser for them. That's nice, because we need a strong Chamber of Commerce in my opinion. I attended the funeral for a friend. I'm not sure how well you all knew her, but she went to Clark High School. She was a superstar at Clark High School. She was a Hammond, She is a Hammond Sports Hall of Famer. She's the wife of the former Chairman of the Democratic Party, Jackie Weezer. Jackie died way to

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Mayor McDermott cont.- young after a courageous battle with cancer. It was very traumatic and very sad to see her pass away. She was a Hammond native, and a Hall of Famer in our city. I met with Councilman Salinas and the leadership of the Hammond Sanitary District to discuss more technological ways we can attempt to reduce the smell coming from the overflow basin and the plant. I met with the leaders of Hammond's Tri Kappa Civic Sorority for our annual picture and proclamation celebrating their organization. I met with developers who are interested in the old Franciscan site for their project. They're going to be putting in on the RFP that's coming out shortly. I met with Captains, Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs of the Hammond Police Department for our regular monthly meeting. I attended the South Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau annual legislative dinner in Indianapolis hosted by Phil Taillon. The Speaker of the House attended that. There was dozens of other legislators in attendance as well. The topic the Speaker talked to that group about was The Bears coming to Northwest Indiana. He didn't say the words Hammond, but he said Northwest Indiana. I thought that was really a positive thing. The Legislators are all excited about this. I think that a lot of people think that this is gonna be the location if The Bears come to Indiana, that The Bears are gonna choose, so that was a pretty cool day in Indianapolis to hear the Speaker of the House talking about your region and your city and spending billions of dollars. I attended multiple meetings, talk about something cool, I don't know how many people got this memo, but this was sort of on the hush, I attended meetings in the Hammond's Lost Marsh Clubhouse, with Speaker Todd Houston, and Representative Craig Snow in regards to the possibility of The Bears coming to Northwest Indiana. Speaker Houston, I've never seen a Speaker leave the State House. He came to Hammond, pulled up there and had meetings with multiple County Officials. He called in County Official after County Official talking to them about, were they on board if The Bears chose Northwest Indiana. This is going to require a lot of work and cooperation between units of government. He wanted to make sure everyone was on board. It was completely impressive. I know for a fact after that day, it was Thursday, he drove out to Porter County, stayed in the region, drove out to Porter County and did the same thing to the Porter County Officials the very next day. The Speaker of the House, in government, that's the most powerful person in Indiana Government, is the Speaker of the House, and he was in our city, talking about a multi billion dollar project. It was pretty awesome. Representative Craig Snow is one of his top lieutenants, he was also here. It's getting real and I've never seen that before and I've been Mayor a long time. It's pretty cool that he was in Hammond so I wanted to thank the Hammond Police Department who provided security that day. We just wanted everything to be perfect, obviously the Speaker of the House was in our city. I attended Purdue Northwest's Men's Hockey game in celebration of PNW's main event at The Kube last Thursday. There had to be at least 500 people in there. It was really cool. Excited students, alumni, elected leaders, and the PNW Chancellor were there. How cool is The Kube? It's a really cool place. If you get a chance to go watch a hockey game at The Kube, it is awesome, so really cool to see that happening. Last but not least, I attended the utility and afford ability town hall in Munster, that was put on by Representative Mike Andrade. There was a couple hundred people in attendance that day, most of whom agreed that the recent spike in NIPSCO prices are unbearable and something needs to be done to rectify it. I know I've had a lot to say, I apologize for the lengthy report. Anybody have any questions?

Councilman Kalwinski- The development possibility on St. Margaret's land, is it the entire footprint?

Mayor McDermott- Well, keep in mind, the Robert's Impact Lab for Purdue Northwest is on the North East corner and on the South West corner is the parking garage. We kept that on purpose. The rest of it, yes, Councilman. We're going to RFP the rest of it. This group we're talking to, and it doesn't mean they're going to be the winner, but this group we're talking to, they could fill the rest of it easily with this project.

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Councilman Kalwinski- Would that include the property behind St. Joe's?

Mayor McDermott- I'm not sure it does, but keep in mind, the entity that controls that I believe is HAST. We have a pretty good relationship with HAST if we needed that property. I think technically HAST controls that, Councilman.

Councilman Kalwinski- I thought that in the past, it belonged to St. Joe's because their school parking is back there and they make money by leasing that parking space to Franciscan and that changed when HAST was built.

Mayor McDermott- It did when this whole deal went down, they offered that to HAST, and HAST accepted it, but HAST and the City of Hammond have a symbiotic relationship, so HAST technically owns it, but that's how it happened.

Councilman Woerpel- I saw on the social media the other day that Hobart closed on a hundred million dollar deal or something like that for a data center?

Mayor McDermott- Yes, sir. That's true. Can I correct you real quick, Councilman Dave? Mayor Josh Huddleston in Hobart closed a deal with a data center for Amazon. It's massive. It's the biggest private deal in the State's history, multi billions. He got a check, I just talked to him the other day. The City of Hobart got a check for 45 million dollars the other day. That's because they approved it. The day they pull the building permits, which is probably in the next year or 2, they get another 45 million dollars, and the day they cut a ribbon, they get multi millions of dollars also. Hobart's the wealthiest community, probably in the entire state now and just sitting on wealth. I think Mayor Josh did a great job and I'm using that deal as inspiration. I hope you guys appreciate that. We're in the middle of a data center deal right now.

Councilman Woerpel- Didn't we give the developers an extension or something like that just recently and where are we at with that?

Mayor McDermott- Thanks Councilman, yeah we extended them from the end of the year, currently the extension goes to the end of February. At the end of February, if we don't hear any positive news, we have the option to walk away from that deal, and maybe find another developer. So we do have an option at the end of the month. I don't want to start from scratch. These deals take years. I'd rather close our deal. We have a good deal and it's a good data center group. We've done business with them before, so I hope we get some answers by the end of the month and if we need another extension, I'm gonna have to talk to you guys about that, but right now, we've given them to the end of the month, Councilman Woerpel.

Councilman Woerpel- We talk about all this development and 40 million dollars would be a great deal too.

Mayor McDermott- Yes, sir. I'm using it as an inspiration.

Councilman Tyler- I wanted to congratulate your administration again for another wonderful black history program last week. It was a great program.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS Cont.

Mayor McDermott- Thank you. I apologize I wasn't there, Councilman. I was in Indianapolis, where I've been sort of living lately.

Councilman Tyler- Scott did a fairly decent job filling in for you.

Mayor McDermott- That's good.

Councilman Tyler- I just want to congratulate all of the non profits who were awarded, award recipients for that day too. Over the weekend, my twin boys started ninja classes at the YMCA and I was also at the Sportsplex for a basketball tournament on Sunday and that place is rockin' and rollin'. It was the first time that they hosted a tournament on the new courts at the sportsplex. The building was packed with people, everybody having a good time. I loved to see that type of development within our city and see the excitement of kids playing, and parents having a good time. The bar, the Union Lounge was filled. It was a great weekend over there.

Mayor McDermott- Thank you. I know the day you're talking about, Councilman. I have a habit on driving through the parking lots of the Sportsplex. I know Councilman Woerpel does frequent. The day you're talking about, every parking lot on 167th was full all the way to the very back one and with the parking over by the Y, it was pretty full that day also, so it was pretty cool to see. Those are tourists in our city. They come every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Councilman Woerpel- I think I told you at the time, I should have gerrymandered that into my district.

Mayor McDermott- Well we got the decade coming. By the way, Councilman Woerpel, we've been talking with leadership at the sportsplex about the neighborhoods too. We're watching that closely and illegal parking. People are parking like jerks over there sometimes. We're pretty strict on that, Councilman.

Councilman Tyler- Are there any updates about any of the developments around the Sportsplex?

Mayor McDermott- I know I talked to a group that's interested in developing the Petro's and it's a really cool development idea.

Councilman Kalwinski- Is Petro's for sale?

Mayor McDermott- I'm not sure if it's for sale with a sign out in front of it, but I think he's sort of like, always open and this group and him have been communicating. It's a really cool concept that they're talking about, and they're successful. They've done things like that in Crown Point. It would be really cool. I think you'd like it a lot. When I talk about things publicly they fall apart, so I'm not gonna talk about it, but we're always fielding calls, Councilman. The are around the Sportsplex is very attractive.

Councilman Tyler- If I can, I'll schedule some time with you so we can talk about it. I would love to learn more. I know you said at one point there was some interest in the old Walmart too.

Mayor McDermott- Yeah, that's always a moving target too. What's interesting about this whole Bears talk, I

MAYOR’S ADDRESS Cont.

Mayor McDermott cont.- think a lot of people are sort of like, wait a second, I don’t want to make any mistakes and sell anything real quickly. It’s interesting and the good news is with The Bears development, this will be done, probably within a month, month and a half, this whole dilemma that we’re in. I imagine Indiana is going to put a good offer on the table, and I know that Illinois has gotten the memo that this is a contest and they’re going to put a good offer on the table, and let’s be realistic, The Bears bought land in Arlington, but that doesn’t mean it’s definitely gonna go there. The cool thing is, Indiana’s going to put a really good offer on the table and it’s going to be tough to beat Indiana’s offer because not only is it a good offer on paper, if they actually located here, it would be a great offer because we’re such a great business state. They can’t beat the deal. It’s going to be an interesting month. I don’t think we’re gonna be dealing with this much longer in a month, month and a half, Councilman, and once that happens, all these other developments, if they’re coming, all the prices go up, if they’re not, prices stay where they are, and they start moving. Sorry about all the talking.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Rakos, supported by Councilman Emerson, moved to approve the minutes of January 26, 2026 and place on file. AYES: ALL

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Councilman Woerpel, supported by Councilman Tyler, moved to approve the claims from January 26, 2026 through February 4, 2026. Claim #789 through claim #1242, inclusive. In the amount of \$10,848,707.10.

ROLL CALL VOTE (claims)

AYES: Alexander, Spitalo, Kalwinski, Salinas, Tyler, Emerson, Woerpel, Rakos, Venecz

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried

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CLAIMS APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council as a whole, brought out 26-03

Councilman Woerpel- CIB did not meet since the last meeting

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

Edison Community Watch; Wed. Mar. 4; 6:30 p.m.; Edison School

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COMMITTEE REPORTS Cont.

COMMUNITY AND CRIME WATCH COMMITTEE Cont.

Harrison Park Crime Watch; Tues. Mar. 3; 6 p.m.; VFW on Hohman Ave.
Jefferson Crime Watch; Wed. Feb 11; 6 p.m.; Jefferson School
Hessville Crime Watch; Thur. Feb 19; 6 p.m.; HC3 Community Center
Irving Community Watch; Tues. Feb 10; 9:30 a.m.; Irving School
Whiting/Robertsdale Crime Watch; Thur. Feb 12; 6:30 p.m.; Calumet College

Council President Venecz-As usual, I urge everyone to attend a Community or Crime Watch meeting, find out what's going on in your neighborhood, because community is not just about me, it's about us.

ORDINANCE THIRD READING - FINAL PASSAGE

26-03 An Ordinance of the City of Hammond Authorizing and Establishing a Municipal Riverfront District Project Area pursuant to Indiana Code

Councilman Rakos, supported by Councilman Emerson, moved for final passage.

Mayor McDermott- Thank you for taking this up to the Council, and to Councilman Salinas for carrying this bill. When the City issued a request for proposals for a liquor license it held recently, the demand was significantly higher than we anticipated. Indiana operates under a quota system for liquor licenses. Hammond has reached it's maximum number under that system, meaning that no additional liquor licenses are available from the State of Indiana, and as a result, new restaurants that want to serve alcohol, must purchase licenses on the open market often for tens of thousands of dollars. My understanding is the last two licenses sold privately for at least \$40,000 each. This creates a barrier to entry, especially for new or locally owned restaurants. Because of this, I asked my team to develop a solution, particularly for our downtown, we are seeing increased residential growth, and expanding commercial activity. The proposed Riverfront District ordinance takes advantage of a state statute that allows Indiana cities and towns to create designated districts and manage liquor licenses within those districts for restaurants only. Not for bars. Under this ordinance, the Redevelopment Commission would be able to establish a formal application process, review applications to ensure compliance with conditions and control the number of restaurant liquor licenses available. These licenses would be limited strictly to the Riverfront District. We already know of 3 establishments that are waiting for this ordinance to pass so that they can apply. This is not new or untested. Cities across Indiana including Crown Point, Madison, and Fort Wayne, and Kokomo, have successfully established similar districts and use them to support restaurant growth and responsible economic development.

Councilman Kalwinski- So I think I heard it, but it can't be just a bar getting a liquor license in that district, it has to be connected to a restaurant?

Mayor McDermott- Yes sir, exactly.

Councilman Kalwinski- Like a sit down restaurant with chairs and tables?

Mayor McDermott- Right, like the Tiki Bar, served food and then they would be able to take advantage. I know

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ORDINANCE THIRD READING - FINAL PASSAGE Cont.

Mayor McDermott cont.- they're one of them. Raymundo's EAT Restaurant would be able to take advantage, and it's interesting, and I'm not suggesting anything for Raymundo, downtown Hammond, El Taco Real, he also owns EAT downtown, and EAT has it's own liquor license, so presumably if Raymundo wanted to get a Riverfront license, it would be cheaper for him, and he would be able to market that open liquor license if he wanted to. It would create opportunities like that, that we don't anticipate.

Councilman Kalwinski- Thanks

Mayor McDermott- Yes, sir.

Council President Venecz- Any other discussion or questions? Any other discussion?

Mayor McDermott- Do you want to hear the boundaries, Councilwoman?

Council President Venecz- I beg your pardon?

Mayor McDermott- Do you want me to say the boundaries real quick?

Council President Venecz- Of course!

Mayor McDermott- These licenses would be limited strictly to the Riverfront District which is bounded to the North by Willow Court, to the South by Douglas, Ogden, Stateline to the West and Oakley Avenue to the East, that's our Riverfront District, so in that district, the City would control these licenses. They would not be able to go to bars, they'd only be able to go to restaurants that wanted to open there and currently if they wanted to open up a restaurant downtown, they'd have to find an open license, and they're going for \$40,000+ right now, so this will help us develop downtown, which I know is why Councilman Salinas wanted to carry it and he is traveling right now, and he asked me to stand up on his behalf and help push this through. I know Councilman Salinas, I don't know if he could talk right now.

Councilman Salinas- I want to thank everyone for considering this, and I want to give a special thanks to the Mayor and his staff for putting this together for our businesses in Downtown Hammond. It is needed. We do have businesses currently interested and waiting for this type of opportunity. I ask you all to please consider it, and please pass it tonight and I apologize for not being there in person. Thank you.

Mayor McDermott- Thanks, Councilman Salinas.

Councilman Kalwinski- Does the City or Redevelopment get the cost of the liquor license?

Mayor McDermott- Yes, sir.

Councilman Kalwinski- it goes to who?

Anne Taylor- It's only a one time fee.

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Scott Miller, Chief of Staff- There's an application fee

Mayor McDermott- Isn't there an annual fee too?

Scott Miller, Chief of Staff- Each year they have to reapply.

Councilman Kalwinski- So we're getting a fee, but if they have to pay, say \$40,000 for the liquor license

Mayor McDermott- That goes to the state.

Councilman Kalwinski- To the state.

Mayor McDermott- For the state liquor license, the state gets the money. This would create, it's a limited revenue source, but technically a revenue source, but I wouldn't suggest it would be more than \$10-\$20 thousand a year or something like that.

Council President Venecz- Any other questions or discussion?

Mayor McDermott- This is important Madam Councilwoman, so I appreciate you all bringing this forward. We ran into a problem, a log jam with this, with when we had that one license, we RFP'd it, and we had a number of good proposals come forward, and only one got the license. We picked the Ixa which was in the 1st District. They're doing great things with it, but the other proposals were great. This is going to help us with that log jam, so I appreciate you all bringing it up.

Council President Venecz- I think it's a great opportunity for the are with the train, the development downtown, it's just, it makes a lot of sense.

Mayor McDermott- Thank you

Council President Venecz- Any other discussion? (X3)

ROLL CALL VOTE (passage)

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried

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ORDINANCE NO. 9699 PASSED

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

26-05 An Ordinance Creating a New Fund (Fund #3399) for Municipal Food and Beverage Tax Funds

Councilman Woerpel, supported by Councilman Rakos, moved for 1st and 2nd Reading by title.

Councilman Woerpel- We create these funds for accounts all the time, so I don't see the need for a committee

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES Cont.

Councilman Woerpel cont.- hearing unless somebody wants one and I'll entertain a second

Council President Venecz- Go ahead

Councilman Woerpel- I'm fine, I'm fine

Council President Venecz- Ok.

Councilman Woerpel- He seconded it.

Council President Venecz- Who said second?

Councilman Rakos- I'll second it.

Council President Venecz- Ok.

Councilman Woerpel- He's being nice tonight.

Council President Venecz- Ok.

Councilman Rakos- I'm trying.

Council President Venecz- Motion by Councilman Woerpel, Second by Councilman Rakos, for passage of 26-05, uh, no 1st and 2nd reading, correct?

Councilman Woerpel- Correct.

Council President Venecz- Ok, and no committee meeting. Any discussion?

Councilman Woerpel- I want to thank my distinguished colleague for seconding my motion

Council President Venecz- Any discussion? (X3) 26-05 passes on 1st and 2nd reading

Councilman Woerpel- all those in favor signify by saying aye?

Council President Venecz- Ok, roll call vote

City Clerk Golec- It doesn't need a roll call vote.

Council President Venecz- It doesn't, I didn't think so. Ok, so it passes on 1st and 2nd.

Councilman Woerpel- No, we need a, all those in favor.

Council President Venecz- Ok, you wanna tell me what I'm supposed to do?

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES Cont.

Councilman Woerpel- Voice vote, just all those in favor, signify by saying aye and we can put this behind us.

Council President Venecz- Ok, wonderful, all those in favor, signify by saying aye. Opposed? AYES:ALL

RESOLUTIONS

None

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Tyler, supported by Councilman Woerpel, nominates Maxine Simmons to be appointed to the Hammond Community Corporations Board.

Council President Venecz- Did she serve before, Councilman?

Councilman Tyler- If she did, it was before my time.

Council President Venecz- Any Discussion? (X3)

ROLL CALL VOTE (appointment)

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried

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MOTION CARRIED

SPECIAL ZONING ACTION ADOPTED UNDER I.C. 36-7 Cont.

None

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Mary Schoons- Expressed opinions against pedestrian bridge location and tearing down Briar East Woods

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

2026 HAMMOND COMMON COUNCIL ATTENDANCE RECORD OF
ELECTRONIC AND PHYSICAL PRESENCE

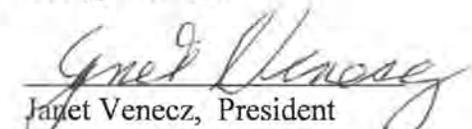
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Dan Spitale	P	P	P										
Mark Kalwinski	P	P	P										
Alfonso Salinas III	P	P	E										
Barry Tyler	P	P	P										
Bill Emerson	P	P	P										
Scott Rakos	P	P	P										
Dave Woerpel	P	P	P										
Janet Venecz	P	P	P										
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E=ELECTRONIC

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.


Janet Venecz, President
Hammond Common Council

ATTEST:



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk

Time: 6:38 p.m.

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