



HAMMOND COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA

JUNE 22, 2026

COUNCILPERSONS

1ST District

-Mark Kalwinski

2ND District

-Alfonso Salinas III

3RD District

-Barry Tyler, Jr.

4TH District

-William Emerson

5TH District

-Dave Woerpel

6TH District

-Scott Rakos

At Large (3)

-Katrina Alexander

-Daniel Spitale

-Janet Venecz/ 2026 President

The Common Council meets for its regularly scheduled meetings every 2nd and 4th Monday at 6:00 pm, City Hall 2nd Floor, Common Council Chambers.

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Prepared by:

Robert J. Golec,
Hammond City Clerk

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 - A. A Resolution of the Hammond Common Council Approving and Entering into a Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Lake County, Indiana regarding the Cameron Street Light Project Sponsored by Mark Kalwinski 26R-15
12. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS
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None
14. PUBLIC EXPRESSION

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Sponsor: Dave Woerpel
5th District Councilman

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HAMMOND TO AMEND TITLE VII, CHAPTER 76, SCHEDULE XV OF THE HAMMOND MUNICIPAL CODE AS IT PERTAINS TO BIKE PATHS

WHEREAS, the City of Hammond maintains Schedule XV, Bike Paths, setting forth locations where motor vehicle operation is prohibited on designated bike paths; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hammond desires to update Schedule XV, Bike Paths, to promote safe and consistent use of the City's trail network, and maintain accurate municipal regulations governing motor vehicle restrictions within those bike paths; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, that the following amendment is hereby adopted as follows:

Section 1. Schedule XV, Bike Paths, of the Hammond Municipal Code is hereby amended to add the following locations as additional bike paths:

- 1. Marquette Greenway**
- 2. Erie-Lackawanna**
- 3. Monon**
- 4. Wolf Lake**
- 5. George Lake**
- 6. Little Calumet River**
- 7. Downtown-Wolf Lake Connector**

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THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any part of this ordinance shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder thereof shall not be affected.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Common Council, that all other provisions of the Hammond Municipal Code remain unchanged and enforceable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Common Council, that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon signing by the President of the Common Council and approval by the Mayor, and Publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Janet Venecz, President
Hammond Common Council

ATTEST:

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
City of Hammond, Indiana

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, Indiana, to the Mayor, for approval and signature, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
City of Hammond, Indiana

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The foregoing Ordinance No. _____ consisting of two (2) typewritten pages, including this page, was APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Mayor
City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the Common Council on the ____ day of _____, 2026 and APPROVED by the Mayor on the ____ day of _____, 2026.

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk
Hammond, Indiana

RESOLUTION No. 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMMOND COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING AND ENTERING INTO A JOINT INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA REGARDING THE CAMERON STREET LIGHT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Hammond ("Hammond") is a local unit of government, a municipal corporation and a second-class city incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana and has jurisdiction and is the owner of certain right of way and property within the city boundaries on which a planned lighting project on Cameron Street is being planned and constructed; and

WHEREAS, Lake County ("County") is a local unit of government located in Lake County, Indiana governed by its Commissioners and its County Council as its legislative body and has jurisdiction over certain real property located within Lake County, Indiana, and;

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WHEREAS, Hammond and County wish to enter into a Joint Interlocal Cooperation agreement under Indiana Code 36-1-7-1 et seq. for the Cameron Street Light Project within the city in which among other things the County will transfer Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) towards the project, which will be managed by Hammond and is further detailed in the attached Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement including the manner and timing of payments; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement benefits both residents of Hammond and Lake County and therefore meets the requirements of Indiana Code 36-1-7-1 et seq.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hammond Common Council, as follows:

1. That the Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (attached hereto) by and between the City of Hammond and Lake County is hereby and in all respects approved;
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and

effect after its adoption by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

HAMMOND COMMON COUNCIL

By: _____
Janet Venecz, President

ATTEST:

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond to the Mayor of said City for his approval on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

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Robert J. Golec, City Clerk

The foregoing Resolution No. _____, consisting of two (2) typewritten pages including this page, was _____ by the Mayor on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Thomas M. McDermott, Jr.
Mayor, City of Hammond

Passed by the Common Council on the _____ day of _____, 2026,
and _____ by the Mayor on the _____ day of _____,
2026.

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk

**JOINT INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
HAMMOND AND LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
FOR THE CAMERON STREET LIGHT PROJECT
LOCATED IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA**

THIS JOINT INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAMMOND AND LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA FOR THE CAMERON STREET LIGHT PROJECT (hereinafter referred to as this "Agreement") is made and entered into in accordance with Indiana Code §36-1-7, *et seq.*, as amended from time to time, by and between the CITY OF HAMMOND, Lake County, Indiana, a Municipal Corporation, by its CITY COUNCIL as its executive and fiscal body (hereinafter referred to as "HAMMOND"), and LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, a unit of local government, by its BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS as its executive and its COUNTY COUNCIL as its fiscal body (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, HAMMOND is a unit of local government located in Lake County, Indiana, with jurisdiction over real property located within the Municipal Corporate Boundaries of HAMMOND; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY is a unit of local government located in Lake County, Indiana, with jurisdiction over certain real property located within the corporate boundaries of Lake County; and

WHEREAS, HAMMOND and COUNTY have each been advised that the provisions of Indiana Code §36-1-7-1, *et seq.* (Interlocal Cooperation Act and referred to hereinafter as the "Act"), as amended from time to time, permit local governmental units and entities to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling governmental units to mutually contract and utilize services for the mutual benefit of the participating governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, HAMMOND and COUNTY are political subdivisions created by Indiana statute, empowered by the Act with authority to contract on behalf of each other on a basis of mutual advantage so as to better provide public services and facilities at a lesser cost; and

WHEREAS, HAMMOND and COUNTY each seek to enter into a joint interlocal cooperation agreement based upon the terms and provisions of the Act, as amended from time to time, together, for costs which will be incurred by HAMMOND for the CAMERON STREET LIGHT PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, HAMMOND, and COUNTY have determined that entry into a joint interlocal cooperation agreement for the CAMERON STREET LIGHT PROJECT is in the best interests of HAMMOND and COUNTY, and therefore, have determined that it is advisable to enter into and become a participating unit under such a joint interlocal cooperation agreement pursuant to the applicable provisions of State Law, as amended from time to time.

COVENANTS

NOW, THEREFORE, HAMMOND and COUNTY, in consideration of the terms and conditions set forth herein, all of which are hereby acknowledged, do hereby agree as follows:

SECTION 1: DURATION.

The duration of this Agreement shall be from its effective date to completion and acceptance of the Project as defined herein.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth and establish the responsibilities and obligations of HAMMOND and COUNTY concerning the CAMERON STREET LIGHT PROJECT.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this act shall be after the agreement has been signed by a majority of the elected officials of each party necessary to constitute an official act and a copy of the executed agreement is placed on record and filed with the Lake County Recorder.

SECTION 4: PROJECT DEFINED.

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This Project is for the CAMERON STREET LIGHT PROJECT.

SECTION 5: PROJECT FUNDING.

COUNTY agrees to pay to HAMMOND within thirty (30) days of HAMMOND commencing the Project, the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO CENTS (\$250,000.00) to help fund the Project with \$125,000 from the Lake County Council and \$125,000 from the Lake County Board Commissioners. This contribution of COUNTY is solely for costs HAMMOND will incur for the CAMERON STREET LIGHT PROJECT.

SECTION 6: ADMINISTRATION AND AUTHORITY DELEGATION.

A. This Agreement shall be administered as follows:

- 1) HAMMOND shall use the funds for costs which will be incurred by HAMMOND for the CAMERON STREET LIGHT PROJECT.
- 2) With the \$250,000.00 received from LAKE COUNTY, HAMMOND shall use the funds for the CAMERON STREET LIGHT PROJECT.

- B. The CITY OF HAMMOND, is hereby designated to receive, disburse, and account for all funds pursuant to this Agreement.
- C. HAMMOND shall use the funds in accordance with all state and local rules and laws.
- D. Because the COUNTY will have no supervisory responsibility for the purchases made by HAMMOND, the COUNTY will not be in privity of contract with any person or company contacted by HAMMOND to complete the project, and COUNTY'S only involvement during the project is to provide funding, the County of Lake and any and all of its elected officials, appointed officials, offices, departments, divisions, employees, to include those of the Lake County Highway Department shall not be liable for and HAMMOND shall hold the aforementioned unit, bodies, and persons harmless from any loss or damage to any party that may occur during the CAMERON STREET LIGHT PROJECT.
- E. The project will be deemed completed when HAMMOND certifies to COUNTY the funds were used for the CAMERON STREET LIGHT PROJECT as outlined in this Agreement.

SECTION 7: ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS.

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No Party shall assign, delegate, or otherwise transfer its rights and obligations as set forth in this Agreement to any other entity.

SECTION 8: AMENDMENTS.

The terms of this Agreement may not be amended, supplemented, waived or modified without the prior written approval of all Parties.

SECTION 9: FORCE MAJEURE.

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, HAMMOND and COUNTY, shall not be deemed in default or in breach of this Agreement to the extent it is unable to perform due to an event of Force Majeure. For the purpose of this Agreement, Force Majeure shall mean and include any act of God, accident, fire, lockout, strike or other labor dispute, riot or civil commotion, act of public enemy, failure of transportation facilities, enactment, rule, order, or act of government or governmental instrumentality (whether domestic or international and whether federal, state or local, or the international equivalent thereof), failure of technical difficulties, or any other cause of any nature whatsoever beyond the control of HAMMOND and COUNTY, which was not avoidable in the exercise of reasonable care and foresight.

SECTION 10: NOTICES.

All notices required to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing, and deemed sufficient to each Party when sent by United States Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, to the following:

Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr.
5325 Calumet Ave.
Hammond, IN 46320

Commissioner Mike Repay
2293 North Main Street
Crown Pt., In 46307

Councilwoman Christine Cid
2293 North Main Street
Crown Pt., In 46307

SECTION 11: CAPTIONS.

The captions and section designations herein set forth are for convenience only, and shall have no substantive meaning.

SECTION 12: SEVERABILITY.

In the event that any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or provision hereof is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement, and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 13: ENTIRETY OF AGREEMENT.

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This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the Parties and supersedes all other negotiations, representations, or agreements, whether written or verbal, relating to this Agreement. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be binding upon the Parties, and their respective assigns and successors in interest.

SECTION 14: MATERIAL DISPUTE.

The parties agree that HAMMOND and COUNTY shall meet for resolution purposes. Thereafter, if the dispute is unable to be resolved, the Parties agree that the dispute will be governed by the laws of the State of Indiana in a court of competent jurisdiction. The Parties agree that each Party shall be responsible for its own attorney fees, absent any applicable provision of law to the contrary.

SECTION 15: COUNTERPARTS.

This Agreement shall be signed in counterparts and each of said counterparts shall be considered an original.

SECTION 16: RECORDING AND FILING.

- A. Before this Agreement takes effect, it must be recorded with the Office of the Lake County Recorder.
- B. No later than sixty (60) days after it takes effect and is recorded, the Agreement must be filed with the Office of the State Board of Accounts for audit purposes all pursuant to I.C. §36-1-7-6.

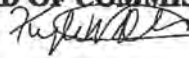
SECTION 17: PUBLIC ACTION AND RATIFICATION.

- A. Because there exists a situation where time is of the essence, the parties will have their respective elected officials sign the agreement to make it effective and then ratify it at a subsequent public meeting.
- B. To be effective with a retroactive ratification, the following must occur at a public meeting:
 - 1) THE CITY OF HAMMOND Mayor as the executive body of HAMMOND, Lake County, Indiana, a Municipal Corporation.
 - 2) The Lake County Council has the fiscal body of the County of Lake, Indiana.
 - 3) The Board of Commissioners as the county executive of the County of Lake, Indiana.

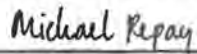
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by their duly authorized Officials and Representatives have caused this Agreement to be executed this 15th day of April, 2026.

**LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

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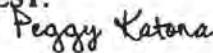
 Kyle Allen, Sr., 1st District



 Michael C. Repay, 3rd District


absent

 Jerry Tippy, 2nd District

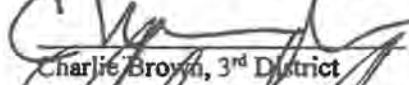
ATTEST:


 Peggy Katona, Auditor


**LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNTY COUNCIL: 4/14/2026**



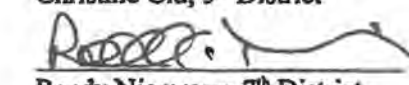
 Donald H. Heston, 1st District




 Charlie Brown, 3rd District



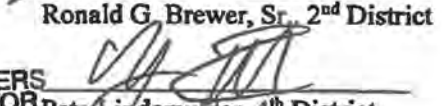
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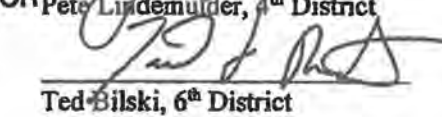
 Randy Niemeyer, 7th District



 Ronald G. Brewer, Sr., 2nd District



 Pete Lindemulder, 4th District



 Ted Bilski, 6th District

PRESENTED TO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BY LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR

APR 14 2026

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by their duly authorized Officials and Representatives have caused this Agreement to be executed this _____ day _____ of 2026.

MAYOR, CITY OF HAMMOND:

Mayor Thomas McDermott, Jr.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by their duly authorized Officials and Representatives have caused this Agreement to be executed this _____ day _____ of 2026.

**CITY OF HAMMOND, INDIANA
COMMON COUNCIL:**

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