



# HAMMOND COMMON COUNCIL AGENDA

## JULY 13, 2026

### COUNCILPERSONS

*1<sup>st</sup> District*

-Mark Kalwinski

*2<sup>nd</sup> District*

-Alfonso Salinas III

*3<sup>rd</sup> District*

-Barry Tyler, Jr.

*4<sup>th</sup> District*

-William Emerson

*5<sup>th</sup> District*

-Dave Woerpel

*6<sup>th</sup> District*

-Scott Rakos

*At Large (3)*

-Katrina Alexander

-Daniel Spitale

-Janet Venecz/ 2026 President

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

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Prepared by: Robert J. Golec,  
Hammond City Clerk

### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation

### 2. ROLL CALL

### 3. MAYOR'S ADDRESS

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 5. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

### 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### 7. COMMUNICATIONS

### 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 9. ORDINANCE 3<sup>RD</sup> READING – FINAL PASSAGE

### 10. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- A. An Ordinance to Appropriate Monies into the 2026 Gaming Fund 26-20  
Sponsored by Dave Woerpel Public Hearing July 27, 2026

### 11. RESOLUTIONS

- A. A Resolution of the City of Hammond Common Council Designating 26R-16  
the Funds into Which Distributions of the Financial Institutions  
Tax (FIT) and Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax (CVET) Shall be Received for  
the 2026 Spring Distribution  
Sponsored by Dave Woerpel

### 12. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 13. SPECIAL ZONING ACTION ADOPTED UNDER I.C. 36-7

- A. BZA: Z-26-11: Petition of Raul Correa for a Variance of Use From 26-21  
Zoning Ordinance to Allow an Event Space General Facility in a R-1U  
Urban Single Family Residential District Located at 1424-30 Michigan  
Street, Within the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana  
Sponsored by Alfonso Salinas  
Petitioned by Raul Correa

### 14. PUBLIC EXPRESSION

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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE MONIES INTO THE 2026 GAMING FUND**

WHEREAS, the City of Hammond requires the use of monies in the Gaming fund for purposes set forth in Ordinance §36.005; and

WHEREAS, additional unspent monies remain from 2025 appropriated balances; and

WHEREAS, this transaction, being an appropriation must have a public hearing for which the Clerk of the Common Council is hereby directed to make arrangements, and being subject to approval of the Department of Local Government Finance.

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**THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Common Council of the City of Hammond that the following appropriations be and are hereby made as follows:

<u>APPROPRIATE FROM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>APPROPRIATE TO</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>
2025 Capital Improvement Board	\$253,714.86	2026 Capital Improvement Board	2235-011-43001
2025 Services/Charges- 1st District	\$847,651.12	2026 Services/Charges- 1st District	2235-01D-43900
2025 Gaming Services Parks- 1st District	\$11,733.75	2026 Gaming Services Parks- 1st District	2235-01D-43963
2025 Services/Charges- 2nd District	\$490,142.34	2026 Services/Charges- 2nd District	2235-02D-43900
2025 Gaming Services Parks- 2nd District	\$90,647.72	2026 Gaming Services Parks- 2nd District	2235-02D-43963
2025 Gaming Services Eng- 2nd District	\$32,950.00	2026 Gaming Services Eng- 2nd District	2235-02D-43964
2025 Services/Charges- 3rd District	\$329,939.74	2026 Services/Charges- 3rd District	2235-03D-43900
2025 Gaming Services Parks- 3rd District	\$148,573.01	2026 Gaming Services Parks- 3rd District	2235-03D-43963
2025 Services/Charges- 4th District	\$195,870.00	2026 Services/Charges- 4th District	2235-04D-43900
2025 Gaming Services Parks- 4th District	\$15,325.87	2026 Gaming Services Parks- 4th District	2235-04D-43963
2025 Gaming Services Eng- 4th District	\$109,560.70	2026 Gaming Services Eng- 4th District	2235-04D-43964
2025 Services/Charges- 5th District	\$52,725.00	2026 Services/Charges- 5th District	2235-05D-43900
2025 Gaming Services Parks- 5th District	\$107,914.32	2026 Gaming Services Parks- 5th District	2235-05D-43963
2025 Services/Charges- 6th District	\$217,750.00	2026 Services/Charges- 6th District	2235-06D-43900
2025 Gaming Services Parks- 6th District	\$59,715.68	2026 Gaming Services Parks- 6th District	2235-06D-43963
2025 Gaming Services Eng- 6th District	\$16,688.09	2026 Gaming Services Eng- 6th District	2235-06D-43964
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,980,902.20</b>		

**FURTHER BE IT ORDAINED** by the Common Council of the City of Hammond that this Appropriation Ordinance shall become effective after public hearing hereon, and upon its

passage by the Hammond Common Council, upon signing by its President, and approval of the Mayor and the DLGF.

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Janet Venecz, President  
Hammond Common Council

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 Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ consisting of three (3) typewritten pages, including this page was approved by the Mayor on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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

PASSED BY THE Common Council on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 and \_\_\_\_\_ by the Mayor on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert J. Golec, City Clerk

Sponsor: Dave Woerpel  
5<sup>th</sup> District Councilman

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HAMMOND COMMON COUNCIL  
DESIGNATING THE FUNDS INTO WHICH DISTRIBUTIONS OF THE FINANCIAL  
INSTITUTIONS TAX (FIT) AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLE EXCISE TAX (CVET)  
SHALL BE RECEIPTED FOR THE 2026 SPRING DISTRIBUTION**

WHEREAS, I.C. 6-5.5-8-2(c) and I.C. 6-6-5.5-20(h) provide that distributions of the Financial Institutions Tax (FIT) and Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax (CVET) may be deposited into any fund maintained by a taxing unit and may be used for any purpose allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, such legislative changes provide flexibility to taxing units, including the City of Hammond, in receipting and utilizing FIT and CVET distributions; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana State Board of Accounts has issued guidance stating that if FIT and CVET distributions are receipted into any fund other than the General Fund, the legislative body must formally identify the fund into which such distributions will be receipted; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Hammond desires to ensure proper accounting, transparency, and audit compliance in accordance with Indiana law and State Board of Accounts guidance; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Hammond hereby designates FIT and CVET funds as follows:

**City of Hammond  
 Financial Institution Tax  
 Spring 2026 Distribution  
 Receiving Instructions**

Total Distribution		\$ 99,105.00		
Fund	#	Account	% of Levy For Distribution	Amount
General	1101	3351	78.15%	\$ 77,450.56
MVH	2201	3351	10.77%	\$ 10,673.61
Park	2204	3351	4.55%	\$ 4,509.28
Park Bond 2	3321	3351	1.84%	\$ 1,823.53
Debt Service	3322	3351	1.77%	\$ 1,754.16
CCD	4402	3351	2.92%	\$ 2,893.87
			<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 99,105.00</b>

**City of Hammond  
 Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax  
 Spring 2026 Distribution  
 Receiving Instructions**

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Total Distribution		\$ 275,762.00		
Fund	#	Account	% of Levy For Distribution	Amount
General	1101	3357	78.15%	\$ 215,508.00
MVH	2201	3357	10.77%	\$ 29,699.57
Park	2204	3357	4.55%	\$ 12,547.17
Park Bond 2	3321	3357	1.84%	\$ 5,074.02
Debt Service	3322	3357	1.77%	\$ 4,880.99
CCD	4402	3357	2.92%	\$ 8,052.25
			<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 275,762.00</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Hammond that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council, signing by the President thereof and approval by the Mayor.

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

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Janet Venecz, President  
Hammond Common Council

ATTEST:

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

**DRAFT**

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

The foregoing Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ consisting of three (3) 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  
\_\_\_\_\_ by the Mayor on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert J. Golec, City Clerk,  
Hammond, Indiana

Sponsor: Alfonso Salinas  
 Petitioner: Raul Correa

STATE OF INDIANA  
 CITY OF HAMMOND, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

PETITION OF RAUL CORREA FOR A VARIANCE OF  
 USE FROM ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN  
 EVENT SPACE GENERAL FACILITY IN A R-1U URBAN  
 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT LOCATED AT  
 1424-30 MICHIGAN STREET, WITHIN THE CITY OF  
 HAMMOND, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

Case Number: Z-26-11      Address/Location: 1424-30 Michigan Street  
 Parcel # 45-03-31-477-006.000-023

The Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana,  
 pursuant to its authority and powers vested by ordinance and statute voted on;

BZA case # Z-26-11 on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026 to:

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Favorable recommendation of the petition for an event space general facility  
 located at 1424-30 Michigan Street.

**with conditions (see below)**     without conditions  
 Unfavorable recommendation of the petition as submitted  
 Send with no recommendation

**Conditions:**

- 1.) Events on weeknights (Sunday-Thursday) shall end no later than 10:00 p.m. and no event any day of the week shall begin earlier than 9:00 a.m.;
- 2.) Screening/Fencing, dumpster enclosure, and landscaping improvements proposed in site plan, or similar-enough improvements, shall be completed in a timely manner;
- 3.) Re-surface and re-stripe parking lot to contain at least thirty (30) code compliant off-street parking spaces inclusive of the two (2) ADA code compliant spaces, subject to technical corrections to the ADA spaces' dimensions and location;
- 4.) Construct ADA code compliant ramp to front door (main building entrance) using a licensed contractor;
- 5.) Rough and final approvals by City of Hammond on all required inspections of work performed to bring this event space into code compliance;
- 6.) Follow all fire safety regulations set forth by both the Hammond Fire Department and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes and standards;

7.) Maximum occupancy shall be set at forty-nine (49) persons; The BZA grant authority to the staff to increase the maximum occupancy to ninety (90) persons per the thirty (30) off-street parking spaces upon confirmation that the second ADA compliant ramp is constructed at the rear exit.

Signed by: Shannon Morris-Smith  
Shannon Morris-Smith, Recording Secretary to BZA

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The Common Council of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana, pursuant to its authority and powers vested by ordinance and statute voted on Board of Zoning Appeals case # Z-26-11 to:

Approve the petition as submitted.

Deny the petition as submitted

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This petition has been \_\_\_\_\_ (approved/denied), by the Common Council, City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janet Venecz, Council President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert J. Golec, City Clerk

This is to certify that the Hammond Board of Zoning Appeals on June 30, 2026 moved to send Z-26-11 petition of Raul Correa, to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation.

Pursuant to IC 36-7-4-607 (e) (1), the Common Council is required to act on or before October 6, 2026.