

HAMMOND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hammond Capital Improvement Board of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana was held on March 1, 2021 at 5pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Flores, Kruszynski, Prieto, Spitale, Tyler, Venecz, Button

ABSENT: None

TOTAL: 7

CONSIDERATION OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Kruszynski, supported by Commissioner Prieto, moved to approve the minutes from February 1, 2021.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Flores, Kruszynski, Prieto, Spitale, Tyler, Venecz, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

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MINUTES APPROVED

REPORT ON WORK STUDY SESSION

Chairman/President Button – reported that they had two (2) work study sessions, one was March the 16th where they heard from Head of Environmental Management, Ron Novak, and he briefed us on the Robertsdale lead remediation issue. The February 16th work study session ended abruptly, so the March 1st work study session opened with questions and comments to and from Ron Novak. Then discussed what was on the agenda. Reported about requests made to the Sanitary District for the project on Schneider Street. Talked about funding and worked through project selections.

FUNDING

Chairman/President Button – stated that they are going to hold on any funding discussion at this time.

MATTERS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Chairman/President Button – stated that the board received a letter from Councilwoman Venecz for consideration of lights on 171st between Tapper and Calumet. Recognized that Councilman Torres and Councilman Emerson are present and Councilman Kalwinski is present on electronic media.

Councilwoman Venecz – asked if the letter was the proper way to submit the request.

Chairman/President Button – stated that it was a fine way, we just need a record until the board has a format, until then a letter is fine.

MATTERS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS cont.

Chairman/President Button – discussed the correspondence from Councilman Emerson regarding potential overlays and lighting. Stated he has asked his colleague, Mark Gordish, to work on getting a program together for overlays throughout the entire City.

Councilman Emerson – commented on the request on 171st, for over three (3) years the residents asked for lighting. Stated there is another street, 174th Pl., that has requested lighting. He mentioned normally at the beginning of every year he has money for his district and he could just go to Engineering and ask for what he wants and needs for his district, but with this board things have changed. Also, he included the alley behind the laundromat on the 7300 block of Calumet, it's been bad for ten (10) years. Talked about the overlays that are needed in his district.

Councilman Torres – talked about the letter he sent the board regarding lighting in his district. Asked if he would have to go to the board or can he just go to Engineering and request lighting and use his district money.

Chairman/President Button – talked about the green sheet, they are funding allocation sheets, if it doesn't require funding from the Capital Improvement Board, then you don't have to put in a request with the board.

Councilman Torres – talked about alleys that need to be done in his district. Asked whose responsibility it was to have alleys done.

Chairman/President Button – stated that the priority of this board would be roadways before alleys.

Councilman Torres – asked about the form the board put together.

Chairman/President Button – stated it hasn't been put together yet, but Commissioner Prieto has volunteered to prepare a form. Stated that a letter is fine at this time, until a standard form is available.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

FUNDING ALLOCATION – 2020-2 Community Crossings Matching Grant (50/50) for Sibley St. from Hohman to Sohl and 169th St. from Kennedy Ave. to Indianapolis Blvd. in the amount of \$388,642.95.

Commissioner Prieto, supported by Commissioner Kruszynski, moved to approve the funding allocation for 2020-2 Community Matching Grant.

Chairman/President Button – gave a brief presentation regarding the 2020-2 Community Crossings Funding allocation.

NEW BUSINESS cont.

ROLL CALL (2020-2 Community Crossings)

AYES: Flores, Kruszynski, Prieto, Spitale, Tyler, Venecz, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

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FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

FUNDING ALLOCATION – Orders 6 through 12 on Chicago St. Phase 1 in the amount of \$137,325.76

Commissioner Prieto, supported by Commissioner Flores, moved to approve the funding allocation for change orders 6 through 12.

Chairman/President Button – gave a brief presentation regarding the change orders 6 through 12 funding allocation. Stated that Hammond's portion of this is \$27,465.15. Asked that the board amend the amount from \$137,325.76 to \$27,465.15.

Commissioner Kruszynski, supported by Commissioner Prieto, moved to amend the money amount from \$137,325.76 to \$27,465.15.

ROLL CALL (on amendment)

AYES: Flores, Kruszynski, Prieto, Spitale, Tyler, Venecz, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

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FUNDING ALLOCATION AMENDMENT

Commissioner Flores – asked if it would be possible to send a letter to the Water Department to request funding for the \$22,000 portion for the water main items?

Chairman/President Button – Certainly.

Commissioner Kruszynski – stated he's seen change orders 6-12, questions what happened to 7, 8 and 9.

Chairman/President Button – explained one of those items was previously approved, change order 7. There's one outstanding, change order 9 and 8 was a no cost change order.

ROLL CALL (on amended motion)

AYES: Flores, Kruszynski, Prieto, Spitale, Tyler, Venecz, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried

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FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED
(AS AMENDED)

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

None

Chairman/President Button – reminded the board that March 15, 2021 is the next meeting, at this time there is no new business. I would like to hold a work study session at 4pm. I will advise the board and the Clerk's office if we will have a regular meeting.

Councilwoman Venecz, supported by Commissioner Prieto, moved to adjourn.

AYES: ALL

APPROVED:



Dean Button, President
Capital Improvement Board

ATTEST:



Robert J. Golec, Hammond City Clerk

Time: 5:35pm

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