

HAMMOND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2022

The regular meeting of the Hammond Capital Improvement Board of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana was held on October 17, 2022 in the Hammond City Council Chambers and was available to be viewed at gohammond on Facebook, gohammond.tv live and per Zoom.

Chairman/President Button presided.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by all.

Chairman/President Button – stated he would like to welcome Matt Muta to the CIB. You got big shoes to fill and I'm sure you will do a fine job.

ROLL CALL

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Muta, Prieto, Spitale, Venecz, Button

ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT PER ZOOM: Tyler

ABSENT: Flores

TOTAL: 6

CONSIDERATION OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Prieto, supported by Commissioner Muta, moved to approve the minutes from September 19, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Muta, Prieto, Spitale, Tyler, Venecz, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Flores

Motion Carried

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MINUTES APPROVED

REPORT ON WORK STUDY SESSION

Chairman/President Button – discussion on agenda items and current projects.

FUNDING

None

MATTERS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

FUNDING ALLOCATION – Change order No. 1 – 165th St. resurfacing – Sewer Grouting – in the amount of \$14,425.80

Chairman/President Button – gave a brief description of the funding allocation.

Councilman Spitale, supported by Councilwoman Venecz, moved to approve the funding allocation for the Change order No. 1 – in the amount of \$14,425.80.

ROLL CALL VOTE (sewer grouting)

AYES: Muta, Prieto, Spitale, Tyler, Venecz, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Flores

Motion Carried

6/0/1

FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

FUNDING ALLOCATION – Invoice No. 3 NICTD accommodate downtown Hammond Station, Russell St. pedestrian tunnel – in the amount of \$16,412.44

Chairman/President Button – gave a brief description of the funding allocation.

Councilwoman Venecz, supported by Commissioner Muta, moved to approve the funding allocation for the Invoice No. 3 NICTD accommodate downtown Hammond Station, Russell St. pedestrian tunnel – in the amount of \$16,412.44.

ROLL CALL VOTE (downtown Russell St. pedestrian tunnel)

AYES: Muta, Prieto, Spitale, Tyler, Venecz, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Flores

Motion Carried

6/0/1

FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

FUNDING ALLOCATION – Roadway repairs to Hohman Ave. at Webb St. – Milestone North – in the amount of \$70,550

Chairman/President Button – gave a brief description of the funding allocation.

Commissioner Prieto, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved to approve the funding allocation for the roadway repairs to Hohman Ave. at Webb St. – in the amount of \$70,550.

ROLL CALL VOTE (roadway repairs to Hohman Ave. at Webb St.)

AYES: Muta, Prieto, Spitale, Tyler, Venecz, Button

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Flores

Motion Carried

6/0/1

FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROVED

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

George Craft – 89 years old, Cameron Ave. – talked about the project that was started on his street, sidewalks and trees. I've talked to you Dean, you said that was what the Councilman had to do, to get this project going. Am I correct? To finish the project?

Chairman/President Button – My understanding is that we need lighting on that street, is that correct?

George Craft – Lighting and trees. I had (2) two beautiful trees, gone. How can the CIB get it done?

Chairman/President Button – So, if it's street lighting, that is a Councilman's decision. That does not come through this board.

George Craft – Excuse me, the Councilman is in a fight with the Mayor, you know that and I know it. What can we do to think out of the box and get it done? Dean, it's in your hands.

Chairman/President Button – Ok.

George Craft – Not the Councilman. Can you help me?

Chairman/President Button – I'll do the best I can. This board was formed to do a certain portion of the work. So, we have streets, roadways....

George Craft – Capital Improvement, if that isn't capital improvement, I don't know what is.

Chairman/President Button – No, but the district Councilmen were still provided a fund of money for which to fund....

George Craft – He doesn't have the money, you know it. All the money was to be put in (1) one pot and divided out. Am I correct?

Chairman/President Button – Not all the money, there was money that was distributed to each of the Councilmen, not as much as there had been in the past. Last year was about \$400,000. There is a formula that is determined on how much money this board gets to fund capital improvement projects. But lighting was not put in our responsibility to complete.

George Craft – Think out of the box. We don't want lighting; we want money to beautify this street. Which would be lighting.

Chairman/President Button – Ok.

Commissioner Prieto – What hundred block of Cameron?

George Craft – I'm in 3900, 4000, 3800, it's all....

Commissioner Prieto – Were any of those blocks, did any of those blocks get any lighting?

PUBLIC EXPRESSION cont.

George Craft – No.

Chairman/President Button – Thank you, George.

President Button – reminded the board that the next meeting is November 7, 2022, with a work study at 4:30pm and regular meeting at 5:00pm.

Councilman Spitale, supported by Commissioner Prieto, moved to adjourn.

AYES: ALL

2022 HAMMOND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD ATTENDANCE RECORD OF ELECTRONIC AND PHYSICAL PRESENCE

	Jun		July		Aug		Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec	
	6	21	5	18	1	15	6	19	3	17	7	21	5	19
Megan Flores	P	A		A		P	E	E		A				
Milan Kruszynski	P	P		P		P	P							
Matthew Muta								P		P				
Jaime Prieto	E	P		A		P	P	P		P				
Dan Spitale	P	P		P		P	P	P		P				
Barry Tyler	E	E		P		E	E	P		E				
Janet Venecz	A	P		P		P	P	P		P				
Dean Button	P	P		P		P	P	A		P				
Initials	DDB	DDB		DDB		DDB	JP	DDB		<i>DDB</i>				

E=ELECTRONIC
P=PHYSICALLY PRESENT
A=ABSENT

APPROVED:

Dean Button, President
Capital Improvement Board

ATTEST:

Robert J. Golec, Hammond City Clerk

Time: 5:20pm
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*Prepared by
Robert J. Golec
Hammond City Clerk*