

The regular meeting of the Hammond Common Council of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana was held on October 25, 2022 in the Hammond City Council Chambers and was available to be viewed at gohammond on Facebook, gohammond.tv live and per Zoom.

Council President Dave Woerpel presided.

City Clerk Robert J. Golec facilitated.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by all.

Invocation by Councilwoman Alexander.

ROLL CALL

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

ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT PER ZOOM: Kalwinski

ABSENT: None

TOTAL: 9

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Spitale, supported by Councilman Emerson, moved to approve the minutes of October 11, 2022 and place on file.

ROLL CALL VOTE (minutes)

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried

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MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Councilman Rakos, supported by Councilwoman Venecz, moved to approve the claims dated October 13, 2022 through October 19, 2022. Claim #6171 through claim #6348, inclusive. In the amount of \$9,057,269.23.

ROLL CALL VOTE (claims)

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried

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CLAIMS APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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Robert J. Golec
Hammond City Clerk*

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Tyler - Gave his condolences to the family of Hester Cannon. She was very active in our community and helped set up many of the different clubs that would benefit residents of the 3rd District.

Councilman Emerson - Announced the City of Hammond's Annual Veteran's Appreciation Day Parade. The parade steps off at 10 am, from 173rd and Olcott on November 5th, Saturday. To donate to the parade you can call Aileen Ibarra at 219-853-7708 or ibarra@gohammond.com for more information. Ceremony following parade at Hessville Park.

Councilman Emerson - Announced the Legion Plaza Veteran's Memorial, located at Douglas Avenue and Lyman, along the Erie Lakawanna bike path where it joins the Monon bike path on November 11, that's Friday, Veteran's Day. A ceremony will place honoring all Veteran's at 10 am, please arrive at 9:30 am. The event is open to the public. There will be a 21 gun salute and Taps will be played. The unveiling of the American Legion Plaza Memorial will also take place at that time.

Councilman Tyler - Hammond Central is hosting a Trunk or Treat this Thursday, October 27th at from 6-8 pm at Hammond Central High School. It will take place inside. As well as passing out candy there will be face painting, pumpkin decorating, crafts, and fun activities. Show up in costumes.

Councilman Kalwinski - Pulaski Park Neighborhood Association will be holding it's monthly meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, at 6:30 at the Hammond Mohawks located at Calumet and 141st.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Capital Improvement Board - Councilwoman Veñecz - On October 17th we approved funding in the amount of \$14,425.80 for Change Order #1 for the 165th Street resurfacing. They needed to do some sewer grouting. We also approved \$16,412.44, which is invoice #3 for NICDE to accommodate the Downtown Hammond Station Russell Street pedestrian tunnel. We also approved \$70,550 for roadway repairs to Hohman Avenue at Webb Street. The next meeting will be November 7th. 4:30 pm is the Work Study Session and % pm is the meeting.

Community and Crime Watch Committee - Upcoming meetings:

- East Hammond Pullman C.W.; will be announced later
- Edison Community Watch; Wed., Nov. 2; 6:30 pm; Edison School
- Harrison Park C.W.; Tues., Nov. 1; 6 pm; VFW on Hohman
- Hessville C.W.; Jean Shepherd Center; Thur., Nov. 17; 6 pm
- Irving Community Watch; Fri., Nov. 4; 9:15 am; Irving School
- Whiting Robertsdale C.W.; Calumet College; 6:30 pm; Nov. 10

Council as a Whole Committee - 22-42, 22-43, 22-44, 22-45 and 22-46 will be coming out.

RESOLUTIONS

22R-17 A Resolution of the Hammond City Council Park 24 Hammond, LLC
An Assessed Valuation Deduction (Tax Abatement) For Qualified Tangible Real Property
Pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1

Councilman Torres, supported by Councilman Emerson, moved for adoption.

Councilman Torres - The name of this project is 24 Marble Street Developers Park 24 Hammond LLC. It's a \$35 million investment 400 thousand sq. feet new industrial building. It's called a spec building, which means the building is gonna be built and then they'll attract the tenants later. It's a good location next to State Line and the upcoming Gateway Station. It's got an 18 acre parcel that's been vacant for years. This Economic Revitalization Area was already established in January of 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE (adoption)

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried 9/0/0 RESOLUTION NO. R17 ADOPTED

ORDINANCE 3RD READING - FINAL PASSAGE

22-42 2023 City of Hammond Budget Proposal

Councilwoman Venecz, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved for passage.

ROLL CALL VOTE (passage of 22-42)

AYES: Alexander, Spitale, Venecz, Torres, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kalwinski

Motion carried 8/0/1 ORDINANCE NO. 9573 PASSED

22-43 2023 Hammond Redevelopment Budget Proposal

Councilwoman Venecz, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved for passage.

ROLL CALL VOTE (passage of 22-43)

AYES: Alexander, Spitale, Venecz, Torres, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kalwinski

Motion carried 8/0/1 ORDINANCE NO. 9574 PASSED

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ORDINANCES 3RD FINAL PASSAGE cont.

22-44 2023 Hammond Sanitary District Budget Proposal

Councilwoman Venecz, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved for passage.

ROLL CALL VOTE (passage of 22-44)

AYES: Alexander, Spitale, Venecz, Torres, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kalwinski

Motion carried

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ORDINANCE NO. 9575 PASSED

22-45 An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries and Wages of all City Officials & Employees
of the City of Hammond, Indiana other than those fixed by statute or by Ordinance
heretofore Enacted, and fixing the effective date thereof

Councilwoman Venecz, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved for passage.

ROLL CALL VOTE (passage of 22-45)

AYES: Alexander, Spitale, Venecz, Torres, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kalwinski

Motion carried

8/0/1

ORDINANCE NO. 9576 PASSED

22-46 An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries and Wages of all Policemen & Firemen
of the City of Hammond, Indiana other than those fixed by statute or by Ordinance
heretofore Enacted, and fixing the effective date thereof

Councilman Rakos, supported by Councilman Tyler, moved for passage.

ROLL CALL VOTE (passage of 22-46)

AYES: Alexander, Spitale, Venecz, Torres, Tyler, Emerson, Rakos, Woerpel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kalwinski

Motion carried

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ORDINANCE NO. 9577 PASSED

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

22-47 An Ordinance Creating New Funds (Fund #2256 and Fund #2257) for the City of Hammond Opioid Settlement Funds

Councilwoman Venecz, supported by Councilman Rakos, moved the proposed ordinance to 1st and 2nd reading and referred it to the Council as a Whole Committee with a meeting on November 14, 2022 at 5:15p.m.

Councilwoman Venecz- Yes, this is to establish two line item numbers 2256, and 2257. For the Opioid settlement. Uh, which the City of Hammond received \$ 2.4 million dollars. Uh, it's over a period of several years but we do need to establish the line items.

ROLL CALL VOTE (1st & 2nd of 22-47)

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried

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MOTION CARRIED

22-48 An Ordinance Reclassifying Certain Lands in the City of Hammond for Zoning Purposes and Amending Ordinance No. 8514 (An Ordinance Establishing a Zoning Plan for the City of Hammond including the Regulations and Maps to Administer the Zoning Plan in Order to Provide for Orderly Growth and Development Within the City, all in Accordance with the Comprehensive/Land Use Plan, as Amended) for Property commonly known as: 1051 Indianapolis Blvd.

Councilman Kalwinski, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved the proposed ordinance to 1st and 2nd reading and referred it to the Council as a Whole Committee with a Committee Meeting on November 14th, 2022 at 5:15p.m. With an Intent to Consider on November 14th, 2022.

Councilman Kalwinski- I would like to be added as a sponsor for this ordinance. This ordinance will change the zoning from industrial to commercial C-4, which will allow for a gas station to be demolished. And building a new gas station will have 8 pumps instead of 12 at that location with the potential of a quick-service restaurant they will put up on that property, which will be a huge benefit to that neighborhood. And would beautify that area with some green space. Thank you.

ROLL CALL VOTE (1st & 2nd of 22-48)

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried

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MOTION CARRIED

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilwoman Venecz, supported by Councilman Tyler , moved to change the December 26th meeting to December 27th , 2022. Due to the holiday.

ROLL CALL (change meeting date)

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried

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MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Ken Rosek- In our last episode, we were talking about the City bridge Survey in Hessville. To recap, we talked about how 5000 surveys went out in just over 500 were completed. Giving it a dismal. If surveys were sent throughout Hessville, perhaps it would have gotten much better results. However, they didn't care about the response rate. What they cared about was the approval rate. They did a survey on if the train was a nuisance, Hessville. residents have known this all their lives and generations before. It gave us one choice, their solution or no solution at all. The mayor asked I don't know how this survey could have been any fairer. I would like to say one last thing since it's the last meeting before the election. I would like to wish Mayor McDermott good luck in his senatorial race. As one dead head and bubble head to another, good luck. Thank you.

George Stoya- I was a little disappointed. If not on the verge of frustration that we didn't get a mayoral address. Phil was seated right here. We need information out here. We need information. Otherwise, we can't define or redefine our perspectives, much less fill them with content. If you guys see the Mayor before I do. Let him know I complained. Thank you.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE (adjourn)

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried

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MEETING ADJOURNED

2022 HAMMOND COMMON COUNCIL ATTENDANCE RECORD OF
ELECTRONIC AND PHYSICAL PRESENCE

	Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec	
	10	24	14	28	14	28	11	25	9	23	13	27	11	25	8	22	12	26	10	24	14	28	12	26
Katrina Alexander	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Dan Spitale	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Janet Veneez	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Mark Kalwinski	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E				
Pete Torres	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Barry Tyler	E	P	P	P	E	E	E	P	E	P	E	E	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	P				
Bill Emerson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Scott Rakos	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P				
Dave Woerpel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Initials	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG	RJG				

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.

ATTEST:


Robert J. Golec, City Clerk

Time: 6:35
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Dave Woerpel, President
Hammond Common Council