

**GAMING ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Gaming Advisory Board of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana was held on March 22, 2022 at 5pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Alexander, Czulno, Edwards, Farrell, Flores, Mabry, Szany, Venecz, Wielgos, Taillon

**ABSENT:** Rakos

**TOTAL:** 10

Chairman/President Taillon – We are going to start where we left off last time. The third and final session we will also go through any of the applications that we had questions on, we will have the answers for that at that third meeting and we will be able to make decisions if we weren't able to at the first session or this session.

**APPLICATION GRANT AWARDS**

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>REQUESTED \$</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED \$</u>
Hammond Boxing Club	30,000	Need more Information
Hammond Community Theatre	4,200	4,200

Councilwoman Alexander, supported by Councilwoman Venecz, moved to approve 4,200 for the Hammond Community Theatre.

Chairman/President Taillon – To remind people at home at we are going to do an official roll call vote or an official motion and second at the end of this process so that we don't have to do one for each grant. Because at the end depending on how much funding we have left over we may increase or decrease some of the grant amounts that we're going with.

Hammond Community Watch	20,000	15,000*
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Commissioner Wielgos, supported by Commissioner Flores, moved to approve 15,000 for the Hammond Community Watch.

Hammond Education Foundation, Inc.	25,000	10,000*
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Commissioner Flores, supported by Councilwoman Alexander, moved to approve 10,000 for the Hammond Education Foundation.

Hammond Firefighters Local 566	30,000	30,000
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Commissioner Edwards, supported by Councilwoman Alexander, moved to approve 30,000 for the Hammond Firefighters.

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APPLICANT	REQUESTED \$	RECOMMENDED \$
Hammond Hermits Athletic Assoc	15,000	5,000*

Commissioner Czulno, supported by Commissioner Wielgos, moved to approve 5,000 for Hammond Hermits.

Hammond Hispanic Community Committee	5,000	2,500
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Commissioner Flores, supported by Commissioner Wielgos, moved to approve 2,500 for the Hammond Hispanic Community Committee.

Hammond Hurricanes	25,000	5,000*
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Commissioner Wielgos, supported by Councilwoman Alexander, moved to approve 5,000 for the Hammond Hurricanes.

Hammond Mohawks Athletic & Conservation Club Inc.	10,000	8,000*
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Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner Szany, moved to approve 8,000 for the Hammond Mohawks Athletic & Conservation Club.

Hammond Optimist Youth Sports	45,800	5,000*
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Chairman/President Taillon – We just had this conversation with the Hammond Hermits and Hammond Hurricanes does the Commission agree to start with 5,000 and put an asterisk on this to come back to it later? All agree.

Hammond Reads, Inc.	10,000	10,000
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Commissioner Czulno, supported by Commissioner Wielgos, moved to approve 10,000 for the Hammond Reads, Inc.

Haven House	17,850	17,850
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Councilwoman Alexander, supported by Councilwoman Venecz, moved to approve 17,850 for the Haven House.

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APPLICANT	REQUESTED \$	RECOMMENDED \$
HC3	15,000	10,000*

Commissioner Wielgos – Stated he must recuse myself from this because I’m a member of the board.

Commissioner Flores – I must recuse myself, as well, I’m a member of the board.

Councilwoman Venecz, supported by Commissioner Edwards, moved to approve 10,000 for the HC3.

Hessville Little League	20,000	5,000*
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Commissioner Czulno, supported by Councilwoman Venecz, moved to approve 5,000 for the Hessville Little League.

Homestead Enterprise Housing Inc.	5,000	5,000
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Commissioner Flores, supported by Commissioner Szany, moved to approve 5,000 for the Homestead Enterprise Housing Inc.

Hope Center of NWI	13,625	Need more information
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Humane Indiana	10,000	PASS
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Commissioner Flores, supported by Commissioner Wielgos, moved to pass on the Humane Indiana.

In-Pact, Inc.	20,000	\$10,000*
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Commissioner Wielgos – My nephew is a resident in one of their group homes and basically there is five (5) or six (6) adult men who have various limitations with their abilities that they can’t live by themselves. These group homes and what these folks do can never be replaced. They really do a fabulous job and they are put into neighborhoods and you would never know it was a group home. They fit right into the neighborhood and the one (1) that my nephew’s in he’s been there twenty (20) years now. They do a wonderful job and I have to recuse myself from voting on it because the fact that my nephews in the home.

Commissioner Szany, supported by Councilwoman Venecz, moved to approve 10,000 for the In-Pact, Inc.

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Lakeshore Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth	10,000	5,000*

Commissioner Czulno, supported by Councilwoman Alexander, moved to approve 5,000 for the Lakeshore Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth.

Mental Health America of NWI	45,000	10,000*
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Chairman/President Taillon – I have to abstain from voting on any amount because I am a board member.

Commissioner Wielgos, supported by Commissioner Flores, moved to approve 10,000 for the Mental Health America of NWI.

Montessori Children’s Schoolhouse	25,000	10,000
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Commissioner Czulno – I would like to recuse myself I have recently been asked to sit on their board.

Commissioner Farrell, supported by Commissioner Wielgos, moved to approve 10,000 for the Montessori Children’s Schoolhouse.

Mt. Zion Dr. AR Burns Pleasant View Plaza	7,300	7,300
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Councilwoman Venecz, supported by Councilwoman Alexander, moved to approve 7,300 for the Mt. Zion Dr. AR Burns Pleasant View Plaza.

New Hope Baptist Church College Day	2,000	2,000
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Commissioner Czulno, supported by Councilwoman Venecz, moved to approve 2,000 for the New Hope Baptist Church College Day.

Ophelia Steen Family & Health Services Center	20,000	10,000*
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Commissioner Flores, supported by Councilwoman Alexander, moved to approve 10,000 for the Ophelia Steen Family & Health Services Center.

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Prom Genie	15,000	5,000*

Commissioner Czulno, supported by Commissioner Wielgos, moved to approve 5,000 for the Prom Genie.

Pulaski Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.	25,000	10,000*
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Commissioner Farrell – I have to recuse myself because I'm involved.

Commissioner Wielgos, supported by Councilwoman Venecz, moved to approve 10,000 for the Pulaski Park Neighborhood Assoc, Inc.

Chairman/President Taillon – That is as far as we got in the study session. If I did my math correctly, we have about sixteen (16) applications left. Why don't we start the study session next time at 3:30pm so we will have a little extra time, we are going to be doing a little math and finding out how much money we have leftover. So, we are approximately at \$225,000 with sixteen (16) applications, I think that puts us pretty much inline with where we need to be. This concludes today's meeting.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION including ZOOM Viewers  
None

Councilwoman Alexander, supported by Commissioner Wielgos, moved to adjourn.      AYES: ALL

  
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Phil Taillon, President  
Gaming Advisory Board

ATTEST:

  
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Robert J. Golec, Hammond City Clerk

Time: 5:40pm  
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