

The regular meeting of the Hammond Common Council of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana was held on May 13, 2024 in the Hammond City Council Chambers and was available to be viewed at gohammond on Facebook, gohammond.tv live and per Zoom.

Council President Scott Rakos presided.

City Clerk Robert J. Golec facilitated.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by all.

A moment of Silence was observed.

#### ROLL CALL

PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Spitale, Venecz, Kalwinski, Salinas, Tyler, Emerson, Woerpel, Rakos

ELECTRONICALLY PRESENT PER ZOOM: None

ABSENT: Alexander

TOTAL: 8

#### MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Mayor McDermott - This is my address for the 13<sup>th</sup>, it's been three weeks since we last talked so it's good to see you all again. Start off with news in my office. It seems like there's a lot going on in my office lately. Last month I was telling you about a new position we created in my office called the Constituent Service Rep, Alex Stahura took over that position which is basically a problem solver that works for the Mayor's Office. Often times we get constituent problems that are detailed and complicated and it's hard for the Mayor or anyone in my office to get a quick fix and to help them out with it so we created this new position. Put Alex in charge of it, she's doing a great job. She's been in that position for less than a month but she's already got a lot of clients and is working real hard, right out of the Mayor's Office. So if the Council runs into issues like that, you need somebody to work across multiple layers of city government, Alex is your person. Christy Ormes lives in the 1<sup>st</sup> District, she took over as Office Manager in the Mayor's Office, which is nice. Then this week we heard that Phil Taillon was hired by the Southshore Visitor's Bureau to become their next CEO, which is great news for Phil, it's great news for Hammond because he's a Hammond homeowner. In fact he just bought another house. He's moving from Hammond to Hammond, he's moving to the 5<sup>th</sup> District, so watch out Councilman Woerpel. But, Phil is taking over as CEO at the end of the month. We agreed that May 31<sup>st</sup> is his last day with the city. We're gonna miss Phil. He's done a great job. He's been with us for over a decade now. He's been in the roll of Chief of Staff for six or seven years, something like that. He's done an excellent job, he'll do an excellent job as CEO. I've been expecting this, once I heard Phil was applying for the recently created position, I expected him, I know he was in second the last time they had a CEO search so it didn't take a rocket scientist to figure out he was probably in a pretty good position once he applied again. So, I've been prepared for this. Phil's been turning over with me and I'm gonna basically act as Chief of Staff and Mayor until further notice. I don't know what the plan is, I'm not gonna fill it right away though. So, I'm gonna see how long it takes for me to crack under this new position. I'm always pushing cuts on my staff and I have an opportunity to do it right in my office. I'm gonna see if I can make it work. So, if not, I'll have a Chief of Staff and I'll be talking to you guys down the road about it, but for right now I'm doing it. So, anyway, congratulations to Phil Taillon. It's great to have a Hammond kid in that role because we do a lot of work with the South Shore Convention Visitor's Bureau if it's

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Mayor McDermott cont. - being run the right way and I think Phil's gonna do a great job in that role so congratulation Phil Taillon. Activity log over the last few weeks. I had a meeting with the CEO of the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Bill Gustafson, and his Attorney, to discuss coordination issues between the Hammond Water Company and the Horseshoe Casino. Horseshoe uses a lot of our land up there. Land that belongs to Hammond Water Company and as we all now, Hammond Water Company is the most valuable asset owned by the city of Hammond. Some people say it's worth over \$300 million by itself and it makes good money and, quite frankly, we want to make sure that it has room to grow, That's what we were talking to the CEO of Horseshoe about. It's also a good opportunity, he was walking us around showing us some of the new things they were doing and I think they're doing a good job and I know Bill is a great guy, so anyway, I know we're all pulling for him. You know the new casino on the South Side of Chicago off of Halsted will be opening up within the next few months, I imagine. The casino in Downtown Chicago just opened up. I know it's no secret to the Council, we've been talking about the revenue losses we've been experiencing. It's about \$10 million annually so far. That's not done dropping. \$10 million a year is not done. So far we're losing \$10 million a year every year. I'm not sure if it will ever come back and I think it's wise for the Council to think the same way. Because when you see that gaming revenue I would not assume they were gonna go back to the glory days. I don't see it. So, it's coming to grips with reality, and that's reality. So, anyway, I had a meeting with the president of Bishop Noll Institute, Paul Mullaney, had a good meeting. I know there's a lot going on in our School City right now, but the good news is Bishop Noll is thriving, and that's a Hammond High School. They're doing great. I know that some of the losses that we're experiencing in the School City are the benefits that is Bishop Noll is receiving and Bishop Noll's enrollment is the highest it's been in a long time and they're thriving. I know we have a lot going on in the School City of Hammond. You know, we all feel horrible about what's going on there. But there is some good news also. Bishop Noll is doing very well. It was good having a meeting with Paul. Thank you to the Council President and the City Council for letting me use your area in here as a virtual press conference. This is a great ... all the work that you all did with the Covid money in making this like a tv studio, I know you guys know it's spectacular when you're behind there, but that press conference we held was viewed by over 45 thousand views, 800 comments, 175 shares. That was also about the School City situation. That was the day after it was announced that three of our elementary schools would be closed. That was the day we had it. I want to thank the Council. We had the Take You Kids to Work Day, that was really nice. A lot of people took their kids to work that day. Had lunch with Superintendent Scott Miller, obviously about what's going on with the elementary school situation. Met with Mayor of Constructurepoint, had an update about their projects across the city of Hammond. Met with the CEO of Great News Life. We have a partnership with them and they do a lot of Great News for us, which is the reason they are called Great News Life. I met with the owners of the data center. You know there's a lot going on across the State of Indiana with data centers right now. South Bend, Fort Wayne, major data center announcements putting ours to shame. Ours was in the ground first and it sort of sat there ever since it's been in the ground. We were told big numbers, those numbers, it's approaching the number. I know it's probably in the \$50 million ball park, assessed value wise. But what's going on in South Bend, what's going on in Fort Wayne should be our goal. They're announcing billion dollar deals with companies like Amazon and Microsoft. So I met with the CEO, the new owner of the data center, Mr. Reardon also. I met with Tom Dakich recently, trying to shake them lose and figure out what's going on and why we're not blowing up because it doesn't make sense to me that that data center isn't exploding like it is in Fort Wayne and South Bend and LaPorte. Chicago is right there, it makes no sense to me. So I'll report back to the Council as we learn more on that. First pitch at Hermit's Park was

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Mayor McDermott cont. - wonderful. Councilman Kalwinski's wife was there that day. It was really, probably, the best opening day we've had in a long time. We've been meeting internally on F.O.P. negotiation. I know I've been talking to the Council about F.O.P. negotiations. I had a actual meeting today with the F.O.P. for a second round of contract negotiations and we're chipping away. The dialogue is positive, that's good, the issues are tough, you know, they want big raises and we're trying to limit that because we need great officers that are happy and doing their jobs, so, anyway, that's going on right now. I'm sorry about the long report, there's been a lot going on. I spoke with the Hammond Optimists Club, that was great. Councilman Rakos, thank you for inviting me there. I met with the Police Captains, my normal meeting with them. Another big issue that we're gonna have to worry about down the road, well, you know, when we hear more from Federal Government, is lead service lines. I know we hear about this and this definitely applies to a city like Hammond. So, when you read across the country about lead service lines, we have about twenty three thousand of them in Hammond, okay. Not my house, because my house was built in the eighties. But if your house was built before the eighties, you probably have lead service lines. And you've probably had them since the beginning of time. Since you moved into that house and you never got sick because we pool our water from a clean source, it's Lake Michigan, and we have an additive that we add to our water that develops a film layer that protects all of us. So the fact that you have lead service lines is not affecting you right now. It did affect the residents of Flint, Michigan, however. But what happened in Flint was a lot different than the situation that we have here. For instance, they switched from lake water to the Detroit River and they pulled their water from there. Obviously, the Detroit River is more caustic than a great lake, and when they put this new caustic water in their lead service lines it ate away at that little microscopic film and caused leaching of lead into their water. We're not planning on changing our source of water, ever. You know, that would be like if we switched for Lake Michigan water to the Grand Calumet River. We'll never do that, I promise you. We got beautiful Lake Michigan right there. We're not gonna switch our source of water. However, we have about twenty three thousand lead service lines in the City of Hammond. You know how much it costs to replace all twenty three thousand of those lead service lines if we did it this year? About \$280 million. So, there's some talk going on in Washington, D.C. about what we're gonna do about this. There's some talk in Indianapolis about what we're gonna do about this. The Hammond Water Company is doing about \$2 million worth of work on lead service lines this year. Okay? If we do \$2 million every year, in about a hundred and twenty five years we'll wrap up. Okay? This is a major problem. It's a major issue. It's not a problem it's just a major issue and it's super, super, ridiculously expensive for a city like Hammond. If you think it's expensive here, how much you think it's gonna cost in Chicago? If it costs \$280 million in Hammond. So I guess what I'm gonna say to you when you hear about lead service lines, I have a feeling we're gonna hear more from Washington, D.C. on this issue and we should probably continue to chip away at the problem like we are doing but you will hear more about this, I'm just previewing you. This is coming. Keep in mind we still have, that's the water side. We still have on the Sanitary side, the consent decree from the Federal Government that was estimated at \$250 million that has to be done within the next ten to fifteen years. So those two projects, they're not gonna get done this term, probably, but they're out there and they're not gonna go away because they are being pushed by President Biden and the Washington, D.C., and the EPA, and it affects a city like ours. So, let's keep monitoring that, but I don't see anything happening in the next three and a half years. So, I'm not sure if you had any questions. I know Councilman Barry looked like he was gonna ask a question.

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Councilman Tyler - I just have a question, going back to what you said earlier about the data center. I think at one point there was conversation of creating another one in Downtown Hammond, as part of the Downtown ...

Mayor McDermott - That's a separate issue, Councilman. I appreciate that though. But that issue is more related to part of the resolution that you have pending before you tonight. But that's through the data center and a line that goes Downtown. That's a completely separate issue. This is more, why isn't that campus making major announcements with Amazon and with Microsoft like I'm hearing about in other parts of the State when we have a data center and a campus right here in the 1<sup>st</sup> District. It's a campus. I honestly think thirty years from now, if we could fast forward and take a picture of what Hammond will look like, that side will be all computers. If I had to guess, it'll be computers and electric generating to serve it and it will be worth a lot of money. Not a lot of employees, a lot of computers. It'll be worth a lot. I think that's the highest and best use of that land, personally. I know I had a lot, I'm sorry, but I'm almost done. F.O.P., did that. Keynote Whiting-Robertsdale's crime watch, that was great. Thanks, Bonnie Henry. Informational session with the School City of Hammond was outstanding. I know a number of the Council members were there. I thank Scott Miller for doing that. I met with the new CEO of the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, Kim Olesker and the Board Chairman, Bob Migliorini, and I think I got everything. If you have any questions, I apologize, I try not to give long reports but it's been three weeks since we've talked.

Councilwoman Alexander is in attendance.

Councilman Kalwinski - The lead service lines, does that mean from the city's water line to the houses.

Mayor McDermott - Yes, sir. It's different than waste water. They're talking about the city's responsibility for that, Councilman, would be from the street into the house. Then once it hits the main line in the house, that's where it would end. But it's different when we have water issues where it blows up in their yard. We're like hey, but that's part of the deal they're gonna have to work out. Each house is estimated at, like, \$15 thousand for this and we would be responsible. \$15 thousand times twenty three thousand, it's \$280 thousand.

Councilman Kalwinski - The new houses that are going in at Clark Field, they don't have to worry about that?

Mayor McDermott - They're fine. Anything built after the eighties. My house was built in, like, 1981. My lines are not lead. But if they were, I promise you I would not be nervous at all. Okay, I would not be nervous at all if they were lead. I wouldn't care. I would still think it's a heavy handed mandate coming from D.C., but that's what it is. But I don't want anybody with lead lines to be scared. We have lake water. We put that additive in. You've had them in your house since you've lived there. So, like, this is not ... but it's ... you're gonna start to hear about this and it affects a city like Hammond a lot.

Councilman Kalwinski - And in a, kind of, related way, a couple weeks ago, three weeks ago, brought up Sanitary District's programs. You said you'd do some follow up. What do we know?

Mayor McDermott - Yes, thank you. I should have put that in my notes. I got briefed this morning. Milan told me that the Federal has been approved on that. It was done this morning, Councilman. I was briefed on it. I can't

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Mayor McDermott cont. - give you detailed answers, but Milan, literally, this morning. The Federal part has been. So, that would qualify for low income residents that need it done but they can’t afford the \$8 thousand it’s going to cost. They would be able to apply through that program and get it done.

Councilman Kalwinski - Okay, and the other program is up and running? Are applications available to, you know, get \$2 thousand covered for you back flow preventer?

Mayor McDermott - That’s always been, but I’ll have to follow that up again.

Councilman Kalwinski - Because the paperwork seems to not be coming.

Mayor McDermott - Okay, I’ll talk to Milan about it. Thank you. Sorry, it’s hard to be ready for every answer I’m gonna get. So, I apologize. But that’s been a repeat. So, any other questions? Thank you guys. Good to see you all.

COMMON COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP DRAWING

Postponed to the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Salinas, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved to approve the minutes of April 22, 2024 and place on file. AYES: ALL

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Councilwoman Venecz, supported by Councilman Spitale, moved to approve the claims from April 23, 2024 through May 8, 2024. Claim #3758 through #4302, inclusive. In the amount of \$21,116,257.54.

ROLL CALL VOTE (claims)

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried

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CLAIMS APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Kalwinski - Two items. One is the Pulaski Park Neighborhood Association will have a meeting Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30 at the Mohawks, 141<sup>st</sup> and Calumet Avenue. It’s a very important meeting because the Indiana Department of Environmental Management will be coming to that meeting to talk about contaminated property at 3 141<sup>st</sup> Street and their involvement in the cleanup and the oversight of that property, and so they’ll be here to talk about the steps they will take and the time frames, etc. So, the neighborhood is very much

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Councilman Kalwinski cont. - concerned about that property and is invited and we'll be trying to get the word out a number of ways because this is their opportunity to hear about how that might affect 400 kids playing ball across the street and their parents and grandparents as they want to do this clean up soon. So, that's one, thank you. The other is the Hammond Mohawks, again, will be sponsoring the Memorial Day Parade. Which will be on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, and line up will be on Gostlin between Calumet and about Henry. Line up starts at 10 a.m. and then stepping off will be at 11 a.m. Everybody's invited to participate or to donate to the cause. Thank you.

Councilman Woerpel - Our next scheduled Council meeting is November 27. I'm sorry, May 27<sup>th</sup>, and that's Memorial Day. I was gonna make a motion under New and Unfinished Business for the 28<sup>th</sup>. Would that screw up that meeting you're talking about?

Councilman Kalwinski - Well, that will only screw me up because I'll have to be at that meeting too. So, I let the President know about that. I would entertain a Wednesday if that would be something that suits everybody else.

Councilman Woerpel - That's fine if you guys want to do that on a Wednesday, that's fine.

Council President Rakos - I don't know for sure that this room is available at this point. I already checked for Tuesday.

Councilman Woerpel - We can bring that up under New and Unfinished.

Councilman Salinas - I have three items here tonight. The first being that I'll be hosting my summer clean ups. I put together dates and times. I'm pairing up with both the City of Hammond as well as home depot. We will be looking for volunteers. The first clean up is on June 8<sup>th</sup>. All the information will be listed on both gohammond website as well as social media. So please take a look at it. My second item, is a thank you to the Public Works Department. The Lighting Department specifically. I've noticed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District that several of our ornamental lights have been repaired and I want to say thank you to the guys for coming out and repairing them lights in the areas which were listed. So, thank you. The third item that I have is I want to make mention that ever since I've received several calls regarding odors or a stench coming from the Hammond Sanitary District Retention Basin and I did reach out to the administrators at the Hammond Sanitary District and I'd like for the residents that did contact me with those concerns to rest assured that the administrators are coming up with a plan to apply a type of deodorizer so just be a little bit more patient. I believe that this is in the works. Thank you.

Councilman Kalwinski - Just one last item, and that is that the parade that runs along Gostlin on May 27<sup>th</sup>. I want to say thank you again to the Mayor for getting some of the lights up, but we still have five down missing on Gostlin between Calumet and the roundabout. Perhaps they are waiting for another shipment but I just want to let you know and thank you for getting that done and also of course you're invited to the meeting at Pulaski Park with IDEM.

Councilman Tyler - I want to just go on record and thank the International Association of Firefighters Local #556 and President Mike Hall for repairing the damage done to MLK Park a couple weeks ago. Which, of

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Councilman Tyler cont. - course, in partnership with our Mayor, allowed for the park to open back up just after a weekend of being closed. So thank you to the firefighters for their continued service for our city and our parks. I also want to announce that Anthem is hosting a community health and resource fair, May 25<sup>th</sup> at Harrison Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There'll be free health screenings and information, local resources, blood pressure, diabetes, mental health, so on and so forth. If you'd like more information or sign up as a vendor you can call 773-962-7008. The Mayor in the City's Juneteenth Program will take place on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10 a.m. The ceremony will begin at MLK Freedom Plaza and then the rest of the event will take place, I believe, at the other end of the park. Then lastly, the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Hammond Alumcats Golf Outing at Wicker Park. Will take place on Friday, July 12, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. with a noon shot gun start. The cost is \$75 per golfer or \$300 for a foursome. There'll also be a cook out that weekend with a D.J. and free items they will be giving away. So, this is the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual, they've been doing this for quite a number of years and proceeds from the golf outing will go to a scholarship back to the Hammond students. Thank you.

Council President Rakos - The HC3 wanted to remind everybody the Hessville spring clean up is this Saturday from 9 til 12. Morton High, Scott Middle School students, faculty, community leaders, Home Depot community team, Hammond Rotary Club, HC3 members and local volunteers are all meeting at the Hanson Community Center at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> for a spring cleanup. Please join us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Capital Improvement Board - Councilman Emerson - Met on May 6, 2024. Dealt with five options and funding allocation No. 1 was funding allocation for 415 Sibley St., temporary parking design, with NIES Engineering in the amount of \$13,560. The next one was funding allocation for Hohman North approach at Sibley Change Order No.1, Rieth-Riley Construction in the amount of \$1,755.70. Item No. 3, funding allocation for Hohman Avenue Reconstruction, Change Order No. 18, Rieth-Riley Construction in the amount of \$106,493. Item No. 4, funding allocation, Summer St., CCMG, Indianapolis to 165<sup>th</sup>, Change Order No. 1, Rieth-Riley Construction in the amount of \$40,713.50. Item No. 5, funding allocation for Marble St., Stateline to Wabash Avenue, AES, for \$19,105.

Community and Crime Watch Committee - Councilwoman Venecz - Upcoming meetings:

Community Watch at Mount Zion Pleasantview Plaza; Wed., June 12; 1 p.m.

East Hammond Pullman Crime Watch; Tues. May 21; 6 p.m.; Ophelia Steen Center

Edison Community Watch is off for the summer

Harrison Park Crime Watch; Tues., June 4; 6 p.m.; VFW on Hohman

Hessville Crime Watch; Thur., June 20; 6 p.m.; Jean Shepherd Center

Irving Community Watch is off for the summer

South Hohman Avenue Neighborhood Watch meets twice a year, they will meet in October

Whiting-Robertsdale Crime Watch; Thur., June 13; 6:30 p.m.; Calumet College

Council as a Whole - Councilwoman Venecz - Brought out 24-09 and 24-10.

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ORDINANCE 3<sup>RD</sup> READING - FINAL PASSAGE

24-09 An Ordinance Creating a New Fund (Fund #2485) for Indiana Department of Homeland Security EMS Training Grant Funds Awarded to the Hammond Fire Department

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

Councilwoman Venecz - This ordinance simply establishes a new line item so when the funding comes in for the EMS Training Grant we have a specific line to put the dollars there.

ROLL CALL VOTE (passage)

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried 9/0/0 ORDINANCE NO. 9633 PASSED

24-10 An Ordinance Creating a New Fund (Fund #2484) for HUD Home Investment Partnership Program - American Rescue Plan Funds Awarded to the City of Hammond

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

Councilwoman Venecz - Same as the last one. We're simply developing a new fund or line item so when the funding comes in from the American Rescue Plan for the HUD Home Investment Program we have a specific line for those funds.

ROLL CALL VOTE (passage)

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried 9/0/0 ORDINANCE NO. 9634 PASSED

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

24R-07 A Resolution Authorizing the City of Hammond to Submit an Implementation Grant for Safe Streets and Roads for All

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

Councilman Emerson - We passed the ordinance for the grant that adopted Vision Zero policy that would reduce fatalities and serious injuries by 40% by the year 2035. Thank you to Dean Button for organizing the great handout that we all read.

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RESOLUTIONS cont.

Councilman Emerson, supported by Councilwoman Venecz, moved to amend in 24R-07A in its entirety.

Councilman Tyler - I'm guessing we'll be including the full version of the plan connected to the resolution. Is that correct?

Councilman Woerpel - I believe, to answer his question, we're just passing a resolution. There is no plan attached to it if I'm not mistaken, correct?

Councilman Rakos - Yeah, this is just a resolution for today.

Councilman Woerpel - It's a resolution that allows you to move forward, correct?

ROLL CALL VOTE (adoption)

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried

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RESOLUTION NO. R07 ADOPTED  
(as amended)

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Woerpel, supported by Councilwoman Venecz, moved to reschedule the meeting for May 27, 2024 to May 28, 2024 with caucus at 4:00 p.m. and the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE (rescheduling meeting)

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried

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MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

George Stoya - I was glad to see the Mayor so jubilant about the well being of Bishop Noll High School. No doubt the drain of our public school students into its classrooms. It would have been nice to hear some details form the Council here of your meeting with Scott Miller, School Superintendent. Nobody knows what's going on.

T.J. Gaertig - Works outdoors and it's been raining a lot. Last year we saw all the effects of flooding. An adult tree can soak up in one growing season, 11 thousand gallons of water. If you multiply that by thirty acres you get the amount of water that Briar East Woods soaks up. Not only do the trees take water and transpire it back into the air but roots that go down deep offer a passage way for water to get down into the water table. The opposite happens if you replace it with pavement. That's what would happen if we went through with Governor's Parkway Development and the new subdivision. This is not locked in place yet.

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Jana Abouhasheim - I live in the apartments behind the Briar East Woods and they truly are a gem in this city with all the industrialization that surrounds us and all the heavy traffic and the highways. This is really rare and special to the community. These woods provide an escape from the noise. It's a sense of peace for us and we'd like to see the woods remain.

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

AYES: ALL

2024 HAMMOND COMMON COUNCIL ATTENDANCE RECORD OF  
ELECTRONIC AND PHYSICAL PRESENCE

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Katrina Alexander	8 P	12 P	11 P	8 P	P							
Dan Spitale	P	P	P	P	P							
Janet Venecz	E	P	P	A	P							
Mark Kalwinski	P	P	P	P	P							
Alfonso Salinas III	P	P	P	P	P							
Barry Tyler	P	P	E	P	P							
Bill Emerson	P	P	P	P	P							
Dave Woerpel	A	P	P	P	P							
Scott Rakos	P	P	P	P	P							
Initials	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: 6:50 p.m.  
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