

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2023, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Greenwell – present; Mr. Kalina – present.

Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve the Minutes of the meeting of June 29, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Smith states Mr. Kearney has security issues with buildings due to people breaking in and setting fires and/or destroying property. Mr. Smith would like the Board to approve welding the doors shut as a safety measure and HPD is aware. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of Change Order No 1 with NIES Engineering for the Tapper Avenue Lighting Project (Moss Street to May Street) in the amount of \$26,468.60. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-431)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$33,100.00 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Kennedy Avenue Road Diet and corresponding Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with First Group Engineering. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-432)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$9,000.00 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Summer Street Advanced Clearing – Howard's Tree Service submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-433)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$44,885.66 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the 2023 Sidewalk Program Supplemental Funding submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-434)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$100,000.00 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Citywide Stripping with Traffic Management Company submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-435)

Correspondence received from EnviroForensics, LLC recommending to award the contract for the Removal and Replacement of Lead Impacted Soil Environmental Remediation

project to Blue River Environmental and Restoration, Inc. in the amount of \$2,793,464.00 submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-436)

Correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval of the Petition for Retirement received from Sgt. David Massey to become effective at the close of business on September 30, 2023 and the Petition for Retirement received from Sgt. Sean Garrison to become effective at the close of business on September 9, 2023. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-437)

Correspondence received from the Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement devices license for U.F.O Bar and Grill, El Taco Real, Sportsman Tap, Sokol Club #269, Good Times Charles, Dick's R.U. Crazy, Inc, Portside Pub, Just Toni's Bar, and VFW Post 7881. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-438)

Correspondence received from Aileen Ibarra requesting street closures for the Festival of the Lakes from 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, 2023 through Sunday, July 16, 2023 at midnight with attached streets. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-439)

Correspondence received from Aileen Ibarra requesting to hold a commercial firework display on Friday, July 14th and Saturday, July 15th at the City of Hammond's Annual Festival of the Lakes, on the island of Wolf Lake Memorial Park beginning at approximately 10:30/11:00 p.m. on both nights. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-439)

Correspondence received from Aaron Eggers, First Baptist Church requesting to close off a portion of Oakley Street from Sibley St north to Willow Ct, State St from the parking lot before the Hammond Public Library west to the bridge on Hohman from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Monday, July 17th until Thursday, July 20th, 2023. Mr. Button has some concerns as this might interfere with the Westlake project and would like this to be referred to Engineering. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to refer to Engineering; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-440)

Under New Business, Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-441)

Agreement to Purchase Real Estate located at 5509 Walter Ave submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-442)

First Extension of Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 1430 Stanton Ave submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and set for status for September 14, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-443)

Right of Way Permits received from the Engineering Department submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-444)

Funding Allocation Request Forms received requesting \$10,000.00 from 6th District Gaming Fund, 2nd District Gaming Fund and 4th District Gaming Fund to be allocated to the Park Department Gaming for Festival of the Lakes and \$85,000.00 of 2nd District Gaming Fund to be allocated for the Sidewalk Program repairs for the 2nd District submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-445)

Garage Sale permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-446)

Under Old Business, Status - 837 169th St. Jack Smith appears and states this is on private property, he looked into the records and for the last 30 years and there is no work history. The gutters from the buildings are dumping water into the parking lot. Mr. Roger Torres states the water is from the alley and flows into it. Mr. Smith states he should direct this to the Sanitary District Board. Mr. Long states if he closes it, it is his decision and the city would not be responsible. No action taken. (Ins. No. 23-447)

Status – 2314 Indianapolis Blvd. Mr. Lewter requests a status date and request an extension on the rehab. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on October 5, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 1806 Brown – Mr. Lewter states inspection was completed the day before and has not had time to write up the report. The house is much worse than originally thought. Owner present and states he is looking into his options and debating on a duplex or demolishing the structure to the foundation and rebuilding. Mr. Smith states if the city demolishes, there will be a demo lien. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on August 10, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-448)

Correspondence received from Javier Rodriguez requesting for another Rental Registration hearing for 4315 Hohman Ave. Mr. Farrell states this was scheduled last week, previously appealed and was granted waiver and recommends the Board to deny. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to deny; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-449)

Correspondence received from Connie Miramontes, 1024 Hoffman St., requesting permission have a block party on July 9, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ms. Miramontes

states traffic will be accessible through Hoffman and both alleys. Previously approved block party was cancelled due to weather. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-450)

Under Rental Registration Hearings, 12 Doty Street. Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late free for 2022; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-451)

6507 Rhode Island and 6534 Ohio Ave. - Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late free for both properties on the condition an affidavit is signed and the homestead resolved; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-451)

910-912 Ames - Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late free; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-451)

7438 Jackson Ave. - Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late free for 2022; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-451)

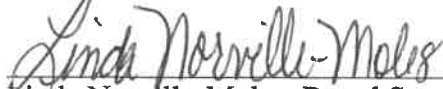
There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Kalina. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary