BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2022

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2022, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present; Ms. Huerta – present.

Motion by Mr. Long to approve the Minutes of the meeting of November 3, 2022; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval for the Agreement with Department of the Army for the Dowling Park Storm Water Improvement – Section 219 Project. Mr. Button states this is with the US Government and the City has a 25% match. Motion by Mr. Long approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-657)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$364,300 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the New Traffic Signal at Sportsplex and corresponding Agreement with Beam, Longest and Neff submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-658)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$115,519.50 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the supplemental resurfacing work on the Annual Resurfacing Program submitted for approval. Mr. Button states the resurfacing program ran over budget. Motion by Mr. Long approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-659)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting advertising dates of November 17, 2022 and November 24, 2022 with a bid opening of December 8, 2022 for the Tailor Row Site Preparation submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2846)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police, William Short requesting Correctional Officer Kyle Thompson to receive the promotional raise due to him effective November 8, 2022 submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-660)

Correspondence from Rieth-Riley requesting to close Russell Street intersection West of Hohman to tie in the water line from November 14, 2022 thru November 21, 2022. Motion by Mr. Long approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-661)

Under New Business, Agreement to Rehabilitate property located at 843 Logan Street submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long approve and set for status on January 19, 2023; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-662)

Order to Rescind Order to Release Order to Demolish for property located at 1244 Indiana Street submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-663)

Right of Way Permits (9) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Mr. Gordish states Paschen has multiple closures. Motion by Mr. Long approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-664)

Acknowledgement of Notice to Owners of Affected Property located at 24 Marble Street. The Board acknowledged and copy sent to Mr. Button. (Ins. No. 22-665)

Under Old Business, Status – 4407 Baltimore. Mr. Smith states this was previously before the Board, gentlemen passed away, son came before the Board to advise that he was selling it to a new owner. Mr. Smith also states they previously requested NIPSCO to cut the electric and gas, but they couldn't get to the pole to terminate. New owner paid for new demo inspection. Mr. Lewter completed and recommended it to be knocked down and have a new home built on the property. Mr. Smith states they will move forward with the demolition, new owner knew about the demo and asks the Board if they have any objections, otherwise this is a status and letting the Board know that this is the recommendation from Inspections and the Law Department concurs. Mr. Long states he was surprised of the idea of rebuilding. Mr. Smith will have letters sent out to the new owners to let them know we are moving forward and to get their stuff out.

Status – 7508 Birch. Mr. Smith brings the Board up on status. Attorney Driscoll has copies of permits that were pulled on October 31 by New Creation, Inc. for residential alterations and will commence. Mr. Smith would like to do an amendment to the expired rehab agreement and submit to Board and suggests 120 days to get rehab done. Mr. Driscoll agrees. No action.

Under Rental Registration Hearings, 7516 Catalpa and 7831 Chestnut. Mr. Farrell states new owner took over after deadline and didn't register within the required 30 days and has a homestead on one of the properties. Owner appears. Motion by Mr. Long approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-666)

7526 Beech Ave. - Motion by Mr. Long approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-666)

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Long to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Huerta. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:

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ATT#ST:

Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary