

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, July 1, 2021. A roll call was taken: Mr. Margraf – absent; Mr. Long – present; Mr. Perez – present.

Due to the absence of Mr. Margraf, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 20, 2021; Mr. Perez concurred.

Bid opening - 5th District Water Improvements – Schneider Avenue/171st Street. Bids received as follows:

Hasse Construction Co., Inc.	\$595,863.00
Grimmer Construction, Inc.	\$570,442.50
Dyer Construction Company, Inc.	\$579,975.21
Gariup Construction Co., Inc.	\$525,735.10

Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer the bids to the Engineering Department and consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; Mr. Perez concurred. (Res. No. 2845)

Under Matters from Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, requested the Notice to Bidders for Removal or Replacement of Lead Impacted Soil/Environmental Remediation be advertised on July 8, 2021 and July 15, 2021 with a bid opening date of July 29, 2021. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Res. No. 4096)

Correspondence received from INDOT advising of a lane restriction on southbound Calumet Avenue and westbound I80/94 to the southbound Calumet Avenue ramp from July 6, 2021 to July 10, 2021. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-407)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, advising of lane restrictions on Calumet Avenue at the Indiana Toll Road from July 7, 2021 to July 31, 2021 for substructure repairs of the bridge over Calumet Avenue. Mr. Button said one (1) lane will be open in each direction. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-408)

Correspondence received from Grimmer Construction, Inc. advising Gostlin Street will be closed for two (2) days, beginning on or about July 7, 2021, from Dearborn Avenue to State Line Avenue. Mr. Button said this is part of the Chicago Street – Phase 1 work. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-409)

Correspondence received from Mr. Scott Rakos, 6th District Councilman, requesting \$25,000.00 of gaming funds be allocated for summer park activities and improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-410)

Correspondence received from Mr. Barry Tyler Jr., 3rd District Councilman, requesting \$10,000.00 of gaming funds be allocated for summer park activities and improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-411)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dave Woerpel, 5th District Councilman, requesting \$25,000.00 of gaming funds be allocated for summer park activities and improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-412)

Correspondence received from Mr. Barry Tyler Jr., 3rd District Councilman, requesting \$25,000.00 of gaming funds be allocated for construction of Windrich Park. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-413)

Correspondence received from Mr. William Emerson Sr., 4th District Councilman, requesting \$12,975.00 of gaming funds be allocated for design services for lighting projects with VS Engineering. Mr. Button requested this matter be continued to July 8, 2021 to allow allocations for this project to be submitted together. Recommendation by Mr. Long to defer this matter to July 8, 2021; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-414)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set these matters for hearing on August 5, 2021; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-415)

Correspondence received from Ms. Epifania Bradley, 1706 Myrtle Avenue, requesting permission to hold a block party on July 24, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-416)

Correspondence received from the Miramontes Family, 1024 Hoffman Street, requesting permission to hold a block party on July 4, 2021 on Hoffman Street with street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-417)

Correspondence received from Ms. Monalisa Martinez requesting permission to hold a block party on July 4, 2021 on Logan Street with street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-418)

Correspondence received from Ms. Jessica Newton requesting permission to hold a block party on 172nd Place, July 24, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-419)

Correspondence received from Trina Lee-Schultz requesting permission to hold a birthday party on July 17, 2021 on Rhode Avenue with street closure from the alley to the stop sign and a bounce house at 904 Cherry Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve subject to notification that the bounce house must be placed on private property and cannot be placed on City property; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-420)

Correspondence received from the Women's Care Center of Hammond, 6919 Indianapolis Boulevard, requesting the parking lot be striped to indicate parking spaces. Recommendation by Mr. Long to deny the request as it is private property and to advise the Women's Care Center that they will need to contact the property owner to have the parking lot painted; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-421)

Correspondence received from New Zion Temple, 926 Morris Street, requesting permission to hold a youth parade on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at noon, with Police and Fire escort, with route. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-422)

Correspondence received from New Zion Temple requesting permission to hold a block party on Sunday, August 29, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-423)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Kevin Smith, Corporation Counsel, said that there will be an Emergency Demolition hearing for property located at 1219 150th Street scheduled for next week, July 8, 2021.

Under New Business, Business License hearing for Beatnik's. Business owner, Mr. Rick Johnson, appears. Mr. Nick Farrell, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said Business Licenses have been paid for from 2008 through 2020. Mr. Johnson said he is financially strapped due to his business being closed due to COVID. Mr. Farrell requested as the business is registered with the State as Beatnik's Entertainment, LLC, the General Business License should be registered with that name. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-424)

Amendment to the License Agreement for Marquette Greenway – 150th Street Hammond – East Chicago City Limits with NIPSCO. Mr. Button said the Sanitary District purchased property which had been owned by a railroad and will be used to realign the trail and also to accommodate a trailhead on the south side of 150th Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-425)

Right of Way Permits submitted for approval by the Engineering Department. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-426)

Disposal Authorizations submitted by the Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-427)

First Extension of Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 5955 Wallace Road. Mr. Smith said work on the property is progressing. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-428)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 407 165th Street. Mr. Smith advised this house has had the porch ripped off of the house twice due to car accidents. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-429)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish property located at 6739 Ontario Avenue. Mr. Smith said the property has recently been sold to a developer. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-430)

Contract for Demolition Services with JM Industrial Services, Inc. property located at 1108 – 14 Morris Street at a cost of \$35,000.00. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-431)

Rental registration hearing on various addresses. Mr. Farrell is requesting the late fees be waived due to this box being in his office when he took the position and due to Covid and low staff, he was not able to get to them right away. He states he has reviewed them and were received prior to April 15. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-432)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-433)

Under Old Business, Hand railing – 2023 Davis Avenue. Mr. Farrell states the resident is handicap and has a letter from the doctor to have this railing. Mr. Long states when no longer needed to take down. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-434)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7133 Alexander Avenue and 1108 177th Street. Mr. Farrell states property owner provided receipt and requests to approve the Amended Findings and no late fee assessed for 2021. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-435)

Bike Swap & Shop – closure of Williams Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-436)

M.W. King Solomon Universal Grand Lodge – Ancient York Masons – St. John's Day cookout street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-437)

Request to place banner at 169th Street and Kennedy Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-438)

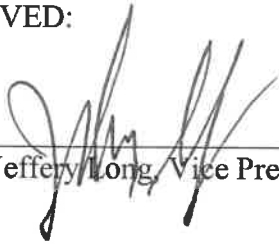
Under Meeting Open to Public, Mr. Jose Galvan, 1521 Summer states there is dumping, burning cars and requests "Dead End" signs on White Oak, Birch Avenue and one more and "stop" signs. People are racing dirt bikes and 4-wheelers on the railroad property. Mr. Button advises stop signs are not for speed control and Summer St. will be rebuilt in 2023. Mr. Long said he will have patrol there as soon as possible and Dean will talk to them.

Karate business at 6836 Huron uses alley to do exercises, sign there with "30-minute parking" wants removed. Mr. Long with talk to Mr. Button to see if it can be removed and will talk to business owner.

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Long to adjourn; Mr. Perez concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, Vice President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Secretary