BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2021, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present; Mr. Perez – present.

Motion by Mr. Long to defer the Minutes of the meeting of July 1, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Correspondence received from Rev. David Bissias, Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church requesting permission to close off Ben Levin Drive and Meadow Lane from Friday, August 27, 2021 through Saturday, August 28, 2021 and requesting the delivery of 10 barricades on Thursday, August 26, 2021. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer states he will check with NIPSCO to make sure there is no utility conflict. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-534)

Correspondence received from Bishop Brandon Jacobs, Sr., New Zion Temple requesting permission to block off Tapper Street from the corner of Merrill Street to the corner of Morris Street which was previously approved for August 29, 2021 to be moved to August 22, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for their outdoor block party. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-535)

Correspondence received from Mike Petrovich requesting a solution to keep traffic waiting for train from blocking the entrance to 6347 and 6337 Indianapolis Blvd. Due to the amount of train activity along the tracks, they are unable to routinely enter and exit the complex. Mr. Button states he will look into it to see if it warrants a "do not block driveway" sign. Motion by Mr. Long to forward to Engineering for review and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-536)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Long to set for August 26, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-537)

Under New Business, Amendment to the Hammond Public Works Department and Teamsters Local Union No. 142 Agreement – 2021 – 2024. Mr. Smith states this Agreement was previously approved but the language "not to exceed" needed to be added. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-538)

Right of Way Permits submitted for approval by the Engineering Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-539)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1720 Stanton Avenue. Inspector Chris Pajdzik states this was inspected in 2014 and the 2nd floor was required to have a deed restriction which was not recorded, new owner to remove but requesting the Findings & Order to be recorded. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-540)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1120 173rd Street. Mr. Farrell requests this be set over for 2 weeks. Motion by Mr. Long to set status for August 26, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-541)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1474 Summer St. Mr. Farrell states the owner is Jeffery Smith, who has passed away and there has been no ownership transfer. Tenant, Mr. Cherry is present and states the owner's wife has moved to Michigan and he is in the process of transferring the deed into a trust with his father. Mr. Farrell requests the Board send to Smith Sersic. Mr. Smith states they will need the information for the wife to resolve this matter with her. Motion by Mr. Long to forward to Smith Sersic and for tenant to provide address of owner; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-542)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-543)

Under Old Business, Status - Step Up 4 Cancer requesting permission to use the parking lots in the downtown area. Mr. Don Kalina states he just received the business license back from Police Department and inspection was done. Mr. Smith would to defer until next Thursday to check on the occupancy permit and have Mr. Long contact requestor, check on time frame for benefit, and liquor distribution. Motion by Mr. Long to defer to next week; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-544)

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Long to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Perez. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: Jeffery Long, Vice Presiden

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Norville-Moles, Board Secretary