

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, August 26, 2021, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – absent; Mr. Perez – present.

Due to the absence of Mr. Long; normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve the Minutes of the meeting of July 15, 2021; Mr. Perez concurred.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William A. Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval of the resignation of Correctional Officer, Thomas Olejniczak, effective the closing date of August 16, 2021. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-558)

Correspondence received from Lt. Patrick Vicari, Traffic Division Commander, requesting Harrison Avenue, north of Waltham Street through the entrance to Eggers Middle School, be designated as no parking on school days from the hours of 7:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. due to traffic congestion that does not allow school buses entry and exit from the parking lot. Lt. Vicari states this is definitely a problem during school hours. Mr. Smith states the Board of Public Works has temporary power, the Council would have to create an ordinance and that Councilman Tyler has approved. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-559)

Correspondence received from New Zion Temple requesting to hold a block party on Tapper Street from Merrill Street to Morris Street, on September 4, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The previously approved party on August 22, 2021 was cancelled. Mr. Smith states no bounce houses in streets. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-560)

Correspondence received from Word Made Flesh Ministries advising the cancellation of their event on August 28, 2021 due to low attendance. The Board acknowledges. (Ins. No. 21-561)

Correspondence received from Humberto Prado requesting barricades in the alley behind 428 173rd St. to stop the flow of traffic leading into his business parking lot. Mr. Prado states there is a large amount of traffic that goes through his parking lot to the alley and wants barricades. His school will be opening soon and there will be kids in the parking lot and feels this is a danger. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer to Engineering and Public Works for review; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-562)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set for September 16, 2021; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-563)

Under New Business, Supplemental Agreement with First Group Engineering for the 173rd Street Refuge Island Construction Engineering submitted for approval. There is no corresponding increase in the contract amount for this change. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-564)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 2128 Atchison Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-565)

Robertsdale Access Agreements submitted for approval – 1305 Lakeview, 1332 Lakeview, 1329 and 1331 Lakeview, 1325 Lakeview, 1328 Lakeview and 1336 Lakeview. Mr. Smith advises there will be more in the future. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-566)

Declaration of Property as Worthless submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this is a rail tank car that has been unused at the Central Fire Station and is declared useless by Indian Code. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-567)

Right of Way Permits (4) submitted for approval from Engineering Department. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-568)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-569)

Construction Contract Agreement with Blue River Environmental and Restoration for the Robertsdale Lead Remediation project submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this is a contract for work, spoke with Controller and Mayor. This is part of the American Rescue Plan and project will start September 1, 2021. Mr. Smith requests the approval on the condition we receive the signed green sheet. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve on condition we receive the green sheet; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-570)

Notice of Violation/Order to Repair hearing on 7106 Chestnut Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-571)

Rental registration for the properties located at: 1324 170th St., 2736 173rd St.; 3249 163rd St., 3324 175th St., 3642 173rd St., 3303 Kenwood, 6743 Missouri, and 7413 Marshall. Mr. Nick Farrell states they have a property manager Blue Print Management on all number 1, 2, and 3 and request to be denied for failure to appear. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to assess the late fee of \$500 for each property for 2021; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-572)

Properties located at 3316 175th, 3805 173rd Pl., and 6433 Ohio. Mr. Farrell requests the late fee be waived for Ohio for 2021 and the others sent to Smith Sersic. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee for 6433 Ohio and forward the remainder to Smith Sersic for collection; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-573)

Properties located at 3320 175th and 6374 Maryland. Mr. Farrell requests these be sent to Smith Sersic. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to send to Smith Sersic for collection; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-574)

Properties located at 6005 Columbia, 6007 Columbia, 6009 Columbia and 6011 Columbia. Property owner failed to appear. Mr. Farrell states this is one building with 4 units. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to assess the late fee for each unit for 2020 and 2021; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-575)

Properties located at 31 Elizabeth and 33 Elizabeth. Mr. Farrell states these are registered. Property owner present. No action taken. (Ins. No. 21-576)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish – 27 Elizabeth St. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-577)

Under Old Business, Easement Encroachment Agreement between School City of Hammond and Sanitary District of Hammond, Hammond Water Works Department and Board of Public Works submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-578)

Status on 20 Highland St. – Mr. Farrell states he needs access but because of Covid hasn't been able to inspect and requests a continuance. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set for October 21, 2021; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-579)

Status on 1120 173rd St. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve Findings & Order; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-580)

Status on Emergency Demo – 1219 150th St. Property owner states the structural engineer report has not been done. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set status for September 9, 2021; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-581)

Status on Demo – 847 117th Street. Mr. Kearney states that permits were pulled, outside has been cleaned up and requests 60-day continuance. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set status for October 2, 2021; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-582)

Status on Demo – 4905 Linden Ave. Mr. Kelly states this has been a slow process and requests the owner to appear to provide plans. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set status and request owner to appear on September 23, 2021; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-582)

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. David Pederson, 7128 Marshall Ave., states he has parking issues with neighbors at 7132 Marshall Avenue parking right up to his driveway entrance, they are hard to deal with and is requesting the curb to be painted yellow. Additionally, they have garbage and glass in the alley. Mr. Pederson had an attorney send them letter addressing this issue with no resolution. Mr. Smith suggests this be referred to Engineering to be able to talk with Councilman Woerpel and have Inspections look into complaint. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer to Engineering and set for status on September 16, 2021; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 21-583)

Mr. Scott appears and said he left last meeting on a bad note and wanted to clear it up. He has been calling police since 2015 on neighbor, 2019 filed charges on being attacked and it is the neighbor who has been a continual problem; trash at 15 Carroll St. has not been picked up and people are breaking car windows and wants a safer community. Mr. Farrell states the building has private trash pickup and has been notified of a special pickup. Mr. Smith stated he will get a hold of Mr. Long.

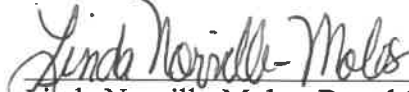
There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; Mr. Perez concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary