

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, October 21, 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 approve the Minutes of the meeting of October 7, 2021 and October 14, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, request for advertising dates of October 28, 2021 and November 4, 2021 with a bid opening date of November 18, 2021 for the Hohman Avenue Roadway Reconstruction and Rimbach Street Realignment. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2846)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, Capital Improvement Board (CIB), requesting \$322,950.00 of CIB funding be allocated for design engineering services in the Marquette Greenway Design Engineering – Kennedy Avenue to Cline Avenue - with First Group Engineering and corresponding contract. Mr. Dean Button gave a brief description and the bid opening will be in 2025. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-698)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, Capital Improvement Board (CIB), requesting \$20,000.00 of CIB funding be allocated for design engineering services in the Hoffman Avenue On-Street Trail with First Group Engineering and corresponding contract. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-699)

Correspondence received from 2nd District Councilman Pete Torres requesting \$7,900.00 of gaming funds be allocated for the design engineering services for Ornamental Street Lighting for Cedar Avenue and corresponding Amendment No. 1 with VS Engineering, Inc. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-700)

Correspondence received from Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, advising that on April 15, 2021 a demo bid was awarded to Actin Contracting for the demolition of 1656-58 Indianapolis at a cost of \$23,000, however, it was later determined that Actin did not include the cost of removing the parking lot. Therefore, Mr. Kearney is requesting the approval for the bid to be re-awarded to the next lowest, responsible and responsive bidder, JM Industrial Services for the cost of \$24,000 which included the removal of the parking lot. Additionally, on April 15, 2021 the demo bid for 830 Becker was awarded to JM Industrial Services at a cost of \$19,900, however, it was later determined that JM Industrial did not include the cost of remediation in their bid. Therefore, Mr. Kearney is requesting the approval for the bid to be re-awarded to the next lowest, responsible and responsive bidder, Actin Contracting for the cost of \$29,200 which

included the environmental work. Mr. Smith states the reason was the work was in specs but not in bid. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-701)

Correspondence received from the Whiting Christmas Committee requesting EMA or Hammond Police Department assistance at their Christmas Parade, to be held on Friday, December 3, 2021 with line up beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the parking lot on 119th Street and Davis Avenue and 119th Street across from Hammond Clark High School. Motion by Mr. Long to approve and forward to EMA and Police Department; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-702)

Correspondence received from Ron Novak requesting the approval of the Proposed License Agreement Renewal with St. John-Mittelhauser & Associates for the property located at 664 State Street. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-703)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf presents a proposal with REV Financial Services for two (2) Fire Engine Trucks and one (1) Ladder Truck. Mr. Smith states the City Controller and Mayor have approved. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-704)

Under New Business, Agreement with Republic Services for the transportation and disposal of soil for the Robertsdale Remediation Project submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this is to transport soil to Newton County and is being funded by ARP. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-705)

Nexis Subscription Lexis Amendment for the Law Department submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-706)

Contract with Tyler Technologies for the City's software. Ms. Flores states this is a new system that the City has been working on for an updated system with the Civil City, Water Department and Sanitary District which will be split three (3) ways. Funds from the ARP will be approximately \$1.3 million. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-707)

Disposal Authorizations submitted from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-708)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-709)

Rental registration for the property located at 6626 Monroe Avenue. Representative appears and states they have never been late. Nick states this is a single-family home. Motion by Mr. Long to waive; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-710)

Rental registration for property located at 17 Mason Street. Property owner and daughter appear, they were unaware and is late from 2018 to 2021. Motion by Mr. Long to assess the \$500 late fee for 2018 and waive 2019 through 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-711)

Under Old Business, 6521 California - requesting permission to place temporary no parking signs in front of lot 6521 California, in order to move large equipment and supplies in and out without damaging any neighboring vehicles, during the construction of a new single-family home. Mr. Long states he left several messages but no return phone call. Mr. Margraf states he drove by and the foundation and garage are already in and the concrete has been poured. Motion by Mr. Long to deny; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-712)

Status - rental properties located at 1324 170th, 2736 173rd, 3249 163rd, 3324 175th, 3642 173rd, 3303 Kenwood, 6743 Missouri, 7413 Marshall and 6011 Columbia (4 units). Property manager does not appear. Mr. Farrell states at previous meeting the representative said the 8 properties were vacant and for sale. Mr. Farrell states all the properties had water usage. The representative is not present, requests that no action be taken since the late fees have already been assessed through previous findings and decision. The Board acknowledges the water usage and concurs with previous findings and decision. (Ins. No. 21-713)

Status - rental property located at 20 Highland St. Mr. Farrell states the owner is out of state and has left several messages. Previously registered as a 6 unit but is a single-family home with rooms being rented and there are different standards for boarding/rooming homes and would request this to be denied. Motion by Mr. Long to deny; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-714)

Demolition status - 4905 Linden St. Mr. Smith states Mr. Taylor previously came to a meeting and he spoke with him. Mr. Kearney states there are plans but no construction has been done in two years and previously had a rehab agreement but it expired and trying to renew the agreement but Mr. Taylor has not communicated with him. Mr. Kearney is requesting three weeks status and to complete a rehab agreement. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on November 18, 2021, the Law Department to send Mr. Taylor a letter to appear; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-715)

Demolition status - 847 117th St. Mr. Smith states that a rehab inspection has been completed by Mr. Lewter but hasn't seen it yet. Once it has been reviewed, they will have an agreement in place and requests a status date. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on November 18, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-716)

Demolition status - 4407 Baltimore Ave. Mr. Farrell states there is a scheduled date with Adult Services next Tuesday and requests a continuance. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on November 18, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-717)

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Ms. Donna Crozier, 265 169th, states there was an accident several weeks ago at Lyman and 169th that left tire tracks damage to the grass that is located on the Lyman side easement, and she kept the sign and would like it to be fixed. Motion by Mr. Long to forward to Johnny Perez to take care of; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Councilman Pete Torres appears with Mr. David Patino who purchased the old Neal's Dodge on the 7100 block of Calumet and wants to put a grocery/fruit store there and has received several citations. Wants to block entrance and put no parking signs on property, the property is vacant, people from the car wash next door park near and asks the board if he can put a fence in alley and into the front and put up no parking signs. Mr. Smith states this is private property he can put up no trespassing signs up and also put up a chain to prevent people from parking on his property, cannot put up no parking signs. Mr. Margraf suggest putting up cable up to prevent parking on his property. Mr. Smith suggests its fluorescent for safety concerns on private property, not city property.

Ms. Crozier asks questions about Ordinance, Mr. Smith lets her know City Council is the board for Ordinances.


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 9:53 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary