

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, December 2, 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 28, 2021 and November 18, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads, Mr. Button states these are permanent easements with NIPSCO for underground lines and they didn't have easements before. Mr. Smith approves. Motion by Mr. Long to approve two easements; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-767)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Fire Chief, Jeffery Smith recommending the following promotions and reassignments: EMT-1 Omar Gonzales to be reassigned to the rank of EMT-2, effective November 28, 2021 and EMT-2 Jeremy Olson be promoted to the rank of EMT-1, effective November 27, 2021. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-768)

Correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police recommending the following officers be promoted to the rank of Sergeant as of November 24, 2021: William Elkmann, Robert Gajewski and Brian Webber; recommending Office Gabriel Malave be transferred from Patrol Division to the Jail Division and relinquish his FTO Specialty Pay as of November 28, 2021; recommending Officer Tom Dillner relinquish his FTO Specialty Pay as of November 23, 2021 and reinstatement of Officer Ronald Davidson. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-769)

Correspondence received from Dean Button, City Engineer recommending the approval for the Supplemental Agreement No. 4 with Beam, Longest and Neff for engineering services in the amount of \$27,500 for the relocation of the water main at the Calumet LCR Pedestrian Bridge. Mr. Button the wall is close to the existing watermain and will need relocate; funding through the ARP fund. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-770)

Correspondence received from 5th District Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$34,000 of gaming funds be allocated for the Police Department – LPR Cameras – Replacement of existing cameras and additional 21 new cameras throughout the city. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-771)

Correspondence received from Brian Poland requesting the Board of Public Works and Safety to approve the Petition to rezone the Rotunda Fountain property. Mr. Button states this is

for the redesign of Rimbach. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-772)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Long to set for December 30, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-773)

Correspondence received from Kelly Kearney regarding 5248 Hohman Avenue. Mr. Kearney completed the inspection and walkthrough and will need to close sidewalks and alley and proceeding with a demo order. Mr. Smith states Hasse feels that after the interior inspection, they want to hold off any exterior repair until they know what is going on. Operating under the emergency provisions of the unsafe building act as an emergency to protect life and property. The Board acknowledges. (Ins. No. 21-774)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf advises NIPSCO is requesting traffic restriction and traffic control. Mr. Gordish states they will have on site traffic control. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-775)

Under New Business, Agreement with Cavanaugh MacDonald Consulting, LLC for professional services to provide actuarial valuations on our Police and Fire Pension plans. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-776)

Right of Way Permits (2) submitted for approval from Engineering Department. The Board acknowledges for information purposes only. (Ins. No. 21-777)

Final Plat of DBR Addition to the City of Hammond, Indiana submitted for approval. Mr. Button states this was approved by the Planning Commission. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-778)

Rental registration for the properties located at: 406 Waltham. Mr. Farrell states the representative is here, it's a single-family home and has been vacant. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the 2021 late fee; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-779)

4343 Grover Ave. Mr. Farrell states there is a new owner and the previous owner did register. The Board takes no action.

4928 Cedar Ave. – Mario Lopez is the new owner. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the 2021 late fee; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-779)

1508 and 1516 Indianapolis Blvd. – Mr. Farrell states this is the same owner, has never been late and requests the fee be waived. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the 2021 late fee; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-779)

Under Old Business, demo stats on 1219 – 150th – Mr. Smith states this was before the Board as an emergency demo, owner was present via Zoom, and this is the first time it is before the Board as a regular demolition action. If the Board affirms the order today due to the condition of the property, it would be then placed on bid for January 13, 2021. This is important that it is bid out front and garage separately due to the garage structure and requesting the Board to affirm the Order and allow them to bid out. Mr. Kelly states doesn't think owner has turned in his paperwork yet, BZA doesn't meet until January and until the zoning issue gets resolved they won't enter into a rehab agreement. Mr. Margraf affirms owner still has time to seek out variance. David Johnson, Midfirst Bank has no objections. Motion by Mr. Long to affirm Demolition Order for building and garage; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-780)

Status on 4721 Calumet Avenue. Mr. Smith states this was self-demolished. The Board acknowledges.

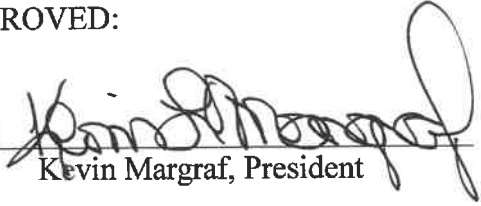
Status on 7106 Chestnut. Mr. Farrell hasn't had an opportunity to revisit the property location. Owner has moved forward with substantial progress, has removed the occupants in the basement area and requests this be set for status. Motion by Mr. Long to set for stats on January 6, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Notice of Violation on property located at 1424 Lake Avenue. Mr. Pajdzik states the 2nd floor apartment – owner has been cooperative knowing the unit cannot be occupied and has signed a Deed Restriction. Motion by Mr. Long to approve the Deed Restriction; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-781)


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 9:30 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary