

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, December 16, 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 December 2, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from 6th District Councilman Scott Rakos and 3rd District Councilman Barry Tyler, Jr. 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. 21-800)

Under New Business, Resolution Authorizing the City of Hammond, by the Hammond Board of Public Works and Safety to Enter Into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Hammond Water Works Department for Payment of Water Improvements Within the Hohman Avenue Reconstruction project.

Intergovernmental Agreement Between City of Hammond and Hammond Water Works Department for Payment of Water Improvements Within the Hohman Avenue Reconstruction project. Mr. Smith says the Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement go together. The invoice will be sent to Law Department/Board of Works and it will then be forwarded to the Water Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. Res. No. 4101 (Ins. No. 21-801)

Facility Use Agreement with United Neighborhoods, Inc. submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this is a facility use not a lease and is needed for their audit. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-802)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish regarding the following properties: 1127 170th Place, 5955 Wallace Road, 526 Waltham St. (Garage), 409 Vine Street, 835 Cherry Street (Garage) and 614 Locust Street (Garage). Mr. Smith states these were self-demolished or rehabbed. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-803)

Right of Way Permits (4) submitted for approval from Engineering Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-804)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-805)

Disposal Authorizations submitted by the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-806)

Notice of Violation Hearing for property located at 4315 Hohman Avenue. Inspector Pajdzik inspected the property and states there was a family living in the basement and was marked uninhabitable. Owner is present and in agreement. Motion by Mr. Long to affirm the removal of the basement apartment; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-807)

Under Old Business, status on property located at 2128 Atchison Avenue. Mr. Smith states the rehab agreement expires on December 9, 2021 and needs an extension. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on April 7, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-808)

Status on property located at 7044 Columbia Avenue. Mr. Smith states an Order to Rescind will be prepared. No action needed.

Status on property located at 1152 Roosevelt Street (Front & Garage). Mr. Smith states they are waiting on a tax deed and set for status. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on February 17, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status on property located at 964 Summer Street. Mr. Smith states back house out for bid. No action needed.

Status on property located at 7538 Tapper Avenue (Front & garage). Mr. Smith – order to rescind. No action needed.

Status on property located at 7025 Van Buren Avenue (Garage). Mr. Smith states some repairs. Mr. Kearney states the garage need siding. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on April 7, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status on property located at 6116 Wallace Road. Rehab agreement expired in November, 2019. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on April 7, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status on property located at 1244 Indiana. Mr. Smith states garage was demolished requested shutoff from NIPSCO, no contact with owner, will bid out. No action needed.

Status on properties located at 4436, 4438 & 4440 Torrence. Mr. Medina appears by Zoom, permits were issued, paid for inspection. 4440 and 4436 were inspected, roof is being done on 4436 and will enter into rehab agreement. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on April 7, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status on property located at 1509 Myrtle. Rehab agreement expired. Inspector Pajdzik states no inspection since permits pulled, need to extend rehab agreement. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on April 7, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status on Jimenez Auto Repair – Mr. Smith stated the Mr. Jimenez has new attorney, Attorney Christian Bartholomew and he has spoken with Mr. Poland and Mr. Novak, working on a new location, concerns of 2 businesses being on one building. Attorney Bartholomew states this is his first appearance, understands there are pending violations for junk vehicles at the location. After speaking with Mr. Poland, it's determined there may be encroachment issue, title work and survey to be completed and should come back about 30 days. Will contact Mr. Poland, currently being used as a car wash only and issues with parking spots. Mr. Smith states he is happy he's on case and the case is moving and asks Linda to contact Mr. Poland and Mr. Novak to appear at the next status. Concerns with new location will be able to use as an auto repair, if not, the current problem still exists. Mr. Kearney states the court ordinance case for junk vehicles has been taken care of and set for supervision until this gets resolved. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on February 24, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

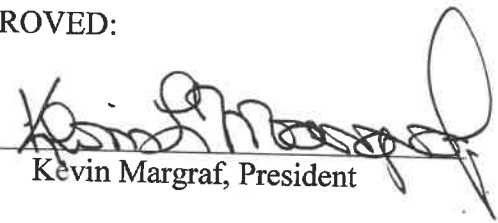
Under Open to Public, Mr. Scott brings neighbor at 16 Williams about a tree damage from neighbor, it fell, knocked NIPSCO out. Mr. Margraf states city cannot go on private property and not sure this can be addressed here. Mr. Long states this is a homeowner issue and she should file on home insurance. Not on city property.

Mrs. Donna Crozier, 265 -169th St. - Questions as to how to get city to clean up, the trees were cut down and the business are exposed, upsets her because its ugly. Can we get city to address the issue for the business to clean up. Inspector Jordan is in current contact with owner of auto business to remove junk vehicles, has made contact with owner and is working on it. Mr. Crozier says its an eye sore and ruining neighborhood, deer and coyotes have no where to go, not making city very attractive, since they tore down the sound barriers it's not quiet. Can the city talk to them. Inspector Jordan tells Mrs. Crozer they can talk after the meeting.

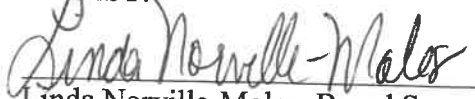
There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Long to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Perez. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary