BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2022

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2022, 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 January 13, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads, Mr. Smith acknowledges the Declaration of Emergency under 36-1-12-9 for 5248 Hohman Avenue which requested quotes from Actin and JM Industrial. Nothing was received from Actin and JM Industrial submitted a quote for $218,000 under the Declaration of Emergency. City will proceed with demolition. (Ins. No. 22-025)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, Capital Improvement Board (CIB), requesting $554,700.00 of CIB funding be allocated for construction engineering services for the Kennedy Avenue Improvements – 169th Street to 164th Place with Lochmueller Group and corresponding contract. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-026)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Barry Tyler requesting $9,650.00 of gaming funds be allocated for the 3rd District Tree Removal Project. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-027)

Correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the following: Brendan O'Neill, Jonathan Kerr, Timothy Schultz be promoted to the rank of 1st Class Patrolman effective January 10, 2022; requesting the approval for Officer Ben Stombaugh to receive Evidence Technician Specialty Pay effective October 1, 2021; and the Petition for Retirement from Lieutenant Patrick Vicari who has served the citizens of City of Hammond for 28 ½ years, effective at the close of business June 23, 2022. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-028)

Correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the following: effective December 28, 2021, Lieutenant John Doughty was transferred from Admin/Internal Affairs to Lake County Task Force, Officer Brandan O'Neill was transferred from Lake County Task Force to ATF; effective January 3, 2022, Sergeant Keith Markert was transferred from Narcotics Division to Administration as a Training Coordinator and Sergeant Aubrey Thomas was transferred from Admin/Training Coordinator to Admin/Internal Affairs and effective January 10, 2022, Officer Hulitt was transferred from the Patrol Division to Narcotics Division. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-029)

Correspondence received from Amy Smith, Insurance Administrator requesting the approval for the renewal contract with Professional Claims Management for worker's compensation claims for the time period of January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022. Mr. Smith requests approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-030)

Correspondence received from HC3 Vice President, Geoffrey Cardwell, requesting approval of road closures for a St. Patrick's Day parade and Leprechaun Run beginning at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 12, 2022 and signs, barricades and traffic monitoring north of 169th Street on Kennedy Avenue. Mr. Kalina has concerns regarding the construction. Mr. Button will advise the engineer. Motion by Mr. Long to approve and forward to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-031)

Correspondence received from Grimmer Construction requesting road closures for Carroll St. and Lyman Ave. on January 24-28, 2022 and February 3-5, 2022 for the NICTD Westlake project. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-032)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Long to set for February 3, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-033)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf received the proposed bid awards for demolitions. Mr. Kearney states the bids were opened on January 13, 2022 each property was awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder which are as follows:

Address	**Award**	**Bid Amount**
7508 Birch	JM Industrial Services, Inc.	$8,480.00
5903-07 Calumet Ave. (Multi-Unit Structure)	JM Industrial Services, Inc.	$63,340.00
712 Cherry Street (front only)	Actin Contracting, LLC	$6,500.00
531 Florence Street (front and shed)	JM Industrial Services, Inc.	$8,875.00
5125-27 Hohman Avenue (Commercial Structure)	JM Industrial Services, Inc.	$76,000.00
828 Indiana St.	JM Industrial Services, Inc.	$8,650.00
1158 Indiana St.	JM Industrial Services, Inc.	$9,000.00
1307 Indiana St.	JM Industrial Services, Inc.	$10,500.00
2314 Indianapolis Blvd.	JM Industrial Services, Inc.	$17,600.00
2021 Lake Avenue	JM Industrial Services, Inc.	$11,200.00
1630-34 Roberts Ave.	Private demolition	
120 Sibley St. (Commercial Structure)	JM Industrial Services, Inc.	$12,900.00
5235 State Line Ave.	JM Industrial Services, Inc.	$23,000.00
4240 Wabash Ave. (Rear Structure only)	JM Industrial Services, Inc.	$8,200.00
1219 150th St. (Front)	Actin Contracting, LLC	$16,660.00

1219 150th St. (Rear)	JM Industrial Services, Inc.	$4,200.00

Motion by Mr. Long to approve and accept the lowest responsive and responsible bidder per letter for each bid; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-034)

Under New Business, Contract for Demolition Services with JM Industrial Services Inc. for the demolition of 1656-58 Indianapolis Blvd. in the amount of $24,000.00. Mr. Kearney states that Actin did not include the parking lot in their bid. Mr. Smith states this is a re-award to the next lowest responsive bidder. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-035)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 712 Cherry Street submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-036)

Notice to Owners of Affected Property located at 403 Gostlin St. The Board Acknowledges. (Ins. No. 22-037)

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. 22-038)

Rental registration for the properties located at: 511 Highland and 235 Conkey St. Mr. Flores, property owner present. Mr. Farrell states owner came in December to register. Mr. Perez translates. Property owner signs a Homestead form. Motion by Mr. Long to waive both properties for 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-039)

4315 Hohman – Mr. Farrell states property owner has owned since 2004, no registration on file, water bill changed in 2020, single family home with homestead. Mr. Perez translates. Mr. Rodriguez, property owner signs a Homestead form. Motion by Mr. Long to waive 2020 and 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-039)

242 Ogden Ave. – Ms. Baker appears and states couldn't rent it out after previous tenants moved. Motion by Mr. Long to waive 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-039)

Under Old Business, status on 222-224 Conkey. Mr. Ferro, property owner appears via Zoom. Mr. Smith states this is property has a demo order and the rehab expired last year, almost completed, both kitchens gutted, roof and stairs not compete and asks Mr. Ferro if it can be completed in 30-45 days. Mr. Ferro states they are trying to get NIPSCO to turn on gas, there are various issues, replaced water heater, electric is done, roofer to complete, exterior is 90% done, interior is almost done, cabinets sitting inside. Mr. Smith asks if he could be done in 45 days. Mr. Ferro believes maybe 60-90 days. Mr. Smith recommends a 45-day status. Mr. Smith asks

Mr. Ferro if he understands he is under a demolition order, by allowing this he is waving the two-year requirement. Mr. Perro asks what is the requirement. Mr. Smith states the City has two years to demolish but by entering into an Agreement, you are waiving the two years. Mr. Ferro asks if he has a choice. Mr. Smith states yes. Mr. Smith requests a 45-day status to update on the progress, and that point if there is additional time needed, as long as they are making progress. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on March 17, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Meeting Open to the Public, 847 – 117th Street. Mr. Bryan Ciers and step son appear and is willing to sign agreement, needs another week or two to secure bond. Mr. Ciers sings rehab agreement. Mr. Smith requests a status one week after expiration. (March 17, 2022) Motion by Mr. Long to approve and accept; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-040)

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 9:41 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:

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Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary