

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2022

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2022, 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 March 10, 2022; concurred by Mr. Perez.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Chief of Police, William Short recommending applicants Christopher Sides and Iman White be appointed as probationary members of the Hammond Police Department to serve their one (1) year probationary period effective March 10, 2022. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-117)

Correspondence received from Nies Engineering, Inc. recommending the 2022 Hammond Resurfacing Project be awarded to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder, Milestone Contractors North, Inc. in the amount of \$1,979,469.00 submitted for approval. Mr. Button states this is an annual contract. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-118)

Correspondence received from Dean Button submitting the request from Gariup Construction for road closures at various locations for the 5th District stormwater improvements project. Mr. Button authorized and requests the Board ratify his decision. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-119)

Correspondence received from Dean Button submitting the request from Midwestern Electric to temporary close 177th Street on March 21, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. for 4-6 hours to repair a high mast light tower. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-120)

Correspondence received from Ron Novak requesting the approval of the Proposed License Agreement requested by EnviroForensics for property along 129th Street between Calumet Avenue and Sheffield Avenue submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-121)

Correspondence received from Hammond Mohawks requesting permission to hold a Memorial Day Parade with attached route on May 30, 2022 starting at 11:00 a.m. submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states the Park Board approved their portion and requests to be forwarded to Police Department for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve and forward to

Public Works, EMA, Police Department and Fire Department; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-122)

Correspondence received from Brian Miller, Purdue University Northwest, requesting approval to hold a 5K "Power Onward" Community Walk/Run event on April 2, 2022 from 8:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. affecting various streets. PNW police officers will monitor the traffic and prevent cars from disrupting the walk and ground keeping crew will put out barriers and request the assistance from Hammond Public Works Department if needed. Mr. Smith suggests notification be given to residents. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve and notify neighbors 3-4 days in advance; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-123)

Correspondence from resident Frank Romano, 7105 Madison, requesting the change of parking signs to "no parking" on 171st and Madison due to him not being able to get in his driveway. Mr. Smith states temporary signs were previously approved. Mr. Button will talk to residents. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set for status on April 7, 2022; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-124)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set for March 31, 2022; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-125)

Under New Business, Amusement Devices listing submitted for approval from Controller's Office. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-126)

Right of Way Permits (4) submitted for approval from Engineering Department. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-127)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-128)

Disposal Authorizations submitted from the Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-129)

Under Old Business, status – Jimenez Auto Repair. Attorney Bartholomew states this has been ongoing and working on the survey and title work for the auto repair shop. There are issues with parking spaces so they are going back to the architect to make modifications because of the Chicago Street project and has been working with Mr. Poland. Mr. Margraf would like to know if there is a plan B. Mr. Smith advises the current ordinances issues are the two business licenses. Mr. Poland concurs with Attorney Bartholomew. Mr. Smith suggest this be set for status in 45 days in order to receive plans from architect. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set for status on May 5, 2022; concurred by Mr. Perez.

847 – 117th Street. Mr. Smith advises this is the old library, rehab was signed in December of 2021 and has expired. Mr. Kelly to check on progress. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set for March 31, 2022; concurred by Mr. Perez.

222-224 Conkey. Mr. Smith states there was a status in January and Mr. Farrow appeared via Zoom and said things almost complete and will rescind the demo order. The Board acknowledged.

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. Darren Taylor, 4905 Linden appears and states he was to appear last week but was out of town for a funeral, the plumber will be done in 2 weeks, had other workers get sick. Mr. Margraf gives condolences, asks if he notified anyone from the city that he would not be appearing last week. Mr. Taylor said no. Mr. Kearney would like to still proceed with bid. Mr. Smith advises that multiple time lines were given, Tyvek is half up, asking what is the time line. Mr. Taylor states once they are done with the plumbing they will continue with second floor. Mr. Kelly things its unrealistic with the second floor being built, requests 60 days and not to stop the demo process. Mr. Smith advises Mr. Taylor to understand they are bidding it out and that process with keep going. Mr. Taylor acknowledges. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set for status May 19, 2022; concurred by Mr. Perez.

Councilman Barry Tyler appears and has concerns with the traffic around the former Maywood Elementary School, suggesting Tapper one way going south, propose to do a traffic study and get together to look into this. Mr. Button can pull an expert in and will keep the Board informed.

Mr. Button acknowledges Milestone North Contractors is working on Chicago Street Phase 2 and ask for road detour configuration, close Johnson, reopen Torrence today for approximately 2 weeks. Mr. Smith request signage. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve Mr. Button's request for to close Johnson and reopen Torrence for approximately 2 weeks; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-130)

Mr. Margraf recognizes Mr. Kearney for the being the only one wearing green for St. Patrick's Day.

Councilman Torres requests a traffic study around Irving School because the area around 4700 Oak and Pine gets congested during pick up and drop off. The school is new and originally built for 350 kids but now has about 800 kids with the traffic being double. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer to Engineering for a traffic study; concurred by Mr. Perez.

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; concurred by Mr. Perez. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary