

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF MARCH 31, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2022, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present; Mr. Perez – absent.

Due to the absence of Mr. Perez, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 24, 2022; concurred by Mr. Margraf.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads, Mr. Button advises of request from Rieth-Riley Construction to close Rimbach Street (west of Hohman Avenue and Muenich Ct.) at Hohman Avenue to work on the Hohman Avenue Reconstruction Phase 1. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-153)

2331 169th St. – Mr. Smith states there is a hoarding situation in a townhome with a shared wall, neighbor is being affected by the situation and advises of an Emergency Repair Order pursuant to I.C. 36-7-9-9, the owner Mr. Miller is deceased. Mr. Kearney advises there was a welfare check with the discovery of decedent, the smell is requiring an emergency cleanup. Councilman Woerpel states they received a call from the lady and the body was found, brother in Florida wants nothing to do with it, requests something be done to resolve the smell for her and the landlord. Mr. Smith requests two quotes for work and wants the Board to affirm Inspections request to declare an emergency. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve the emergency Order to Repair; concurred by Mr. Margraf.

Correspondence received from City Engineer, Dean Button recommending the approval of the Agreement for Professional Services with EnviroForensic for the George Lake Remediation Investigation in the amount of \$93,787.20. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-154)

Correspondence received from City Engineer, Dean Button recommending the approval of the Agreement for Professional Services with NIES Engineering for the Florida Avenue Design Project from Orchard Drive to 175th Street in the amount of \$18,520.00. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-155)

Correspondence received from City Engineer, Dean Button recommending the approval of the Agreement for Professional Services with Consolidated Claims Management, LLC for the George Lake Remediation Cost Recovery Services in the amount of \$10,000.00. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-156)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police, William Short requesting that Officers Daniel Percak and Chad Thompson be promoted to the rank of 2nd Class Patrolmen effective March 19, 2022; and the Petition for Retirement from Sgt. Michael Hamer, who has served the citizens of Hammond for 26 1/2 years submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-157)

Correspondence received from Milestone requesting road closures on northbound Kennedy Avenue from 169th Street to 164th Street beginning April 4, 2022 and lasting approximately 3 ½ months; and permission to restrict traffic on north side of Chicago Street for the Phase 2 Traffic Plan, closing Towle and Cameron one at a time beginning April 4, 2022 for approximately one week. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-158)

Correspondence received from Jennifer Liddell requesting an additional residential sign to be placed at the post near the college parking lot exit in front of 2425 New York Avenue. Mr. Smith states there was an Ordinance recently passed by Council which empowers the Board of Works regarding signage, 1) any action the Board will give the Council a 7-day of any action and will finalize the following week. Regarding this issue, does the Board know if there were any previously approved signage. Recommendation by Mr. Long to defer to next week and forward to Public Works; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-159)

Correspondence received from St. Margaret Mary Church requesting street closures to hold their Easter processions on Sunday, April 10, 2022, Friday, April 15, 2022 and Sunday, April 17, 2022 with attached times and routes. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve dates and forward to Mr. Kalina; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-160)

Correspondence received regarding two dangerous intersections: 1) Cleveland and Tapper and 2) Conkey and Rhodes. Mr. Smith requests this be sent to Engineering and letter to Council. Recommendation by Mr. Long to forward to Engineering for review and recommendation; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-161)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set for April 14, 2022; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-162)

Under New Business, request for advertising dates of April 14, 2022 and April 21, 2022 with a bid opening for May 5, 2022 for 964 Summer Street aka 5614 Howard (Rear), 1244 Indiana Street, 4712 Hohman Ave., 5213 Hohman Ave., and 2405 Calumet Ave. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. Res. No. 4107

Resolution Authorizing the City of Hammond, to Enter Into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Hammond Relating to the Payment for Garbage Services and Pick-Up and supporting Agreement. Mr. Smith this was requested through the Controller and Hammond Housing Authority and his attorney Mike Jasaitis.

Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. Res. No. 4106 (Ins. No. 22-163)

Right of Way Permit submitted for approval from Engineering Department.
Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-164)

Rental registration for the properties located at: 6124 Garfield Ave. Owner present. Mr. Farrell states this was last registered as a rental 2012 and affidavit in 2017. Mr. Smith states an affidavit needs to be filled out yearly. Recommendation by Mr. Long to complete the affidavit and registered; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-165)

1457 Shell - Owner present. Nick states a homestead removal form needs to be completed. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Margraf.

4432 Torrence Ave. (2 units) – Owner present. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Margraf.

2131 Sherman – Owner present. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Margraf.

3928 Cameron -Owner present. Mr. Farrell states homestead removal needs to be completed. Recommendation by Mr. Long to remove the homestead; concurred by Mr. Margraf.

838 Truman – Owner present, forgot to pay. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Margraf.

Under Old Business, 847 117th St. -Mr. Smith requests this be set for 45-day status.
Recommendation by Mr. Long to set for status on May 19, 2022; concurred by Mr. Margraf.

Rental appeals - 3837 Oakcrest Lane, 7150 Southeastern, 6602 Colorado, 259 Locust, and 6257 Hohman (2 Unit). Attorney Sorge present, worked out an agreement, will complete removal of homestead where applicable. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fees; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-166)

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. Sorge states on behalf of his wife, they alley north of Wildwood at Conkey and Homan, the light has been taken down and it is difficult to pull out on Hohman, there is a one way in the alley. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer to Engineering; concurred by Mr. Margraf.

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Long to adjourn; concurred by Mr. Margraf. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

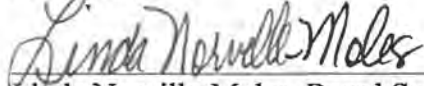
APPROVED:

BY:



Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary