BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JUNE 30, 2022

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, June 30, 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 June 16, 2022 and June 23, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Bid Opening, State Line Closure Project at Cleveland Street, Kenwood Street, Wildwood Road and Detroit Street.

Gariup Construction $758,500.00

Motion by Mr. Long to refer to Engineering and First Group for review and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. Res. No. 2857

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from City Engineer, Dean Button requesting $41,380.62 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Schneider Street Stormwater Project Change Order No. 2 -light pole relocation, unanticipated concrete removal and additional asphalt milling and corresponding Agreement with Gariup Construction. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-395)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting $84,000 of CIB funding to be allocated for the Highland and Lyons Parking Reconfiguration and corresponding Agreement with United Consulting for engineering services for the City Hall parking expansion, Calumet Avenue, Lyons Street and Highland Street. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-396)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval for Revised Supplemental Agreement with American Structurepoint, Inc. for the Hohman Avenue Phase 2 – Russell Street to Douglas Street (Des. No. 2002586). Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-397)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police William Short requesting the approval of the Amended Petition for Retirement of Sergeant Jose Burgos to become effective at the close of business on July 2, 2022; approval for Sergeant Aubrey Thomas to receive Voice Stress Analyzer Specialty Pay effective retroactive to February 18, 2022 and submitting the resignation of Stephen Otten effective the close of June 25, 2022. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-398)

Correspondence received from Jon Dole, Tenco Excavating, Inc. requesting permission to restrict lane traffic at 950 165th St. from approximately July 5, 2022 through July 13, 2022. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-399)

Correspondence received from Milestone requesting to close Chicago Street from Sheffield Avenue to Johnson Avenue allowing traffic to flow north and southbound on Sheffield and Johnson starting July 11, 2022 through July 24, 2022; and from July 25, 2022 through July 31, 2022 to close all traffic throughout the Chicago Street construction limits, shutting down at Marble Street on Sheffield to the project limits at the Chicago Street and Baltimore Avenue intersection. Traffic would also be closed to travel north and southbound on each side street. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-400)

Correspondence received from Trina Lee-Schultz, 904 Cherry Street requesting to block off Rhode Street from the alley to the stop sign for a party on July 9, 2022 from 12 noon until 9:00 p.m. with signature of the affecting neighbor. Motion by Mr. Long to approve and forward to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-401)

Correspondence received from April Moore, 940 Becker Street requesting to block off Tapper Avenue between Drackert and Becker on Saturday, July 9, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for a graduation party with signatures attached and requesting 4-5 picnic tables. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-401)

Correspondence received from Leroy Howard, Jr., requesting to hold a block party on the 1000 block of Drackert Street on Saturday, July 9, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. with signatures attached. Additionally, requesting barricades, 3 trash cans, and 4 picnic tables. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-401)

Correspondence received from Aaron Eggers, First Baptist Church of Hammond, requesting permission to close off a portion of Oakley Street from Sibley Street north to Willow Court and to close off a portion of State Street from the parking lot before the Hammond Public Library west to the bridge on Hohman from 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 12, 2022 until 11:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 15, 2022 for their annual Youth Conference. Mr. Button will notify contractor. Motion by Mr. Long to approve and forward to Engineer for review and notification; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-401)

Correspondence received from Nina Marie Ojeda, 1815 Warwick Ave. requesting to block off Warwick Avenue from 118th Street to the alley behind 1818 Warwick on July 4, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. with signatures. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-401)

Correspondence received from Jetaunn Powell, requesting to block off 6723 to 6711 Alabama for a block party on July 3, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. with signatures. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-401)

Correspondence received from Brandon Artim, 2644 127th Street requesting to block off 127th Street from the corner of Birch Avenue west to the alley for a graduation party on Saturday July 9, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. and requesting barricades. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-401)

Correspondence received from Mr. Martinez, 6023 Erie Avenue requesting to block off 6019 – 6041 Erie Avenue on July 3, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight with signatures. Motion by Mr. Long to approve the request from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-401)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Long to set for July 21, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-402)

Under New Business, request for advertising dates of July 7, 2022 and July 14, 2022 with a bid opening date for July 28, 2022 for the demolition of properties located at 6812 Idaho Avenue (garage), 19-21 Mason Street (garage), 6724 Woodmar (garage) and 6219 Hohman Avenue. Mr. Smith states inspections department to follow up on Mason. Mr. Kearney states sister reached out and they will be doing the demolition. Mr. Smith would still like to bid it out to get numbers. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. Res. No.

Addendum to the State Application for the Hammond Fire Station #2 submitted for ratification. Mr. Smith states this was requested from the engineering company, which is a modification. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-403)

Orders to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish submitted for approval for the following addresses: 6009-11 Calumet Ave., 4518 Sheffield Ave., 6106 Hohman Ave., 841 Sibley St., 923 Michigan, 5707-11 Columbia Ave., 5645 Walter Ave., 4729 Sheffield Ave., 5341 Sohl Ave., 241 173rd St., 5533 Calumet Ave., 4548 Hohman Ave., and 837 Sibley St. Mr. Smith states these are all city owned via tax deed and are removing the liens. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-404)

Amusement Devices for the week of June 27, 2022 submitted for approval from the Controller's Office. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-405)

Right of Way Permits (9) submitted for approval from Engineering Department. Mr. Gordish a number of them are for the relocation for the train. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-406)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-407)

Under Old Business, Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish 919 Lyon Street (Front and Garage). Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-408)

Status - 7217 Harrison. Mr. Smith states there is a rehab. Inspector Jordan states they have a building permit for the interior and exterior. Mr. Smith states the rehab is signed and Mr. Lewter will provide it. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on September 15, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

6400 block of Forest Avenue. Mr. Farrell states the inspector has been out to the property, will have 10 days to bring in compliance. Mr. Margraf questions the time line for citation. Inspector Jordan states there was nothing in front of the property at that time but other violations regarding the property were sent. Mr. Farrell states there was no evidence of a vehicle repair shop. Mr. Long requests if there are any traffic impeded or any vehicles illegally parked to call the Hammond Police. (Ins. No. 22-409)

Status - Councilman Kalwinski's request for 4-way stop at the intersection of Hohman Avenue and Huehn Street. Mr. Button states there is significant amount of construction and requests this be set for a later date. He would like to do a traffic evaluation in the Fall after construction and school starts. Councilman Kalwinski states the neighborhood has been asking for this request. This has been a fly through zone, no stop signs. Patrol officers that cross kids are constantly asking for stop signs because of near misses related to children and cars. Recently there have been accidents at Hohman and Huehn. Records from police will show this. Mr. Kalwinski is asking that this be done sooner that later instead of being referred to Engineering and respond to the neighborhood. Also believes more stop signs are needed before someone gets seriously injured. Residents' vehicles are getting hit by just sitting there. This is a concern and people want something done. He has previously asked for stop signs and stop lights, more concerned with safety than traffic counts. Mr. Margraf asks if he has statistics. Mr. Smith requests if you can look at the whole stretch. Mr. Kalwinski states that the parallel street Sheffield has a stop sign at 140th, 141st, 143rd, roundabout and a stop sign at 137th and Hohman has nothing. Mr. Button states the last 3 years of reports and counts of the accidents should be requested. Mr. Long's concern is if this is normal or just from the construction. Mr. Long will pull these. Motion by Mr. Long to set Mr. Kalwinski's request for status on July 14, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Rental Registrations, 6238 Madison. Property owner failed to appear. Motion by Mr. Long to apply the late fee; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-410)

4748 Elm. Property owner present. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and complete the affidavit; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. 4212 Dearborn. Property owner has a land contract but not recorded. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee for 4212 Dearborn; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-410)

940 Becker. Property owner present. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-410)

925 Kenwood, 1122 Moss, 839 Ames, 1124 Becker. Property owner present. Motion by Mr. Long to waive all the late fees; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-410)

3915 Towle - Property owner appears via Zoom. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-410)

1038 Cleveland, 1042 Cleveland. Property owner fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Long to deny and assess the late fee; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-410)

6536 Madison. Property owner present. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-410)

1621 Myrtle, 1619 Myrtle. Property owner present. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-410)

646 Conkey, 646 ½ Conkey, 648 Conkey. Property owner present. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-410)

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 10:08 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST: _____
Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary