

## **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2022, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Margraf – absent; Mr. Long – present; Mr. Perez – present.

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

Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve the Minutes of the meeting of July 28, 2022; concurred by Mr. Perez.

Under Bid Opening, Request for Proposals – Contractual Services for Police Ordered Tows and Storage – 2022. Proposals were opened from McCoy & Sons Towing, Herrera's Towing, E&R Towing, Bert's Towing, D.C. Towing, High Impact Towing, Woodmar Auto Care & Towing, and State Auto Body. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer to Controller and Law Department; concurred by Mr. Perez. Res. No. 4111

Pavement Marking Quotes – Sibley St. from State Line to Hohman – Traffic Control Specialists, Inc. - \$115,412.80.

Hohman Avenue from Sibley St. to Michigan St. – Traffic Control Specialists, Inc. - \$99,395.65

Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer to Engineering for review and recommendation; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-479)

Under Matters from Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Button advises that Rieth Riley will be working late past 7:00 p.m. on Waltham and Detroit in order to complete before this weekend. Sheffield will be open by Saturday and roundabout will be open on Hohman by Monday.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Gariup Construction requesting to extend closure for River Drive North with the previous traffic control plan beginning July 29, 2022 until approximately August 18, 2022. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-480)

Correspondence received from John Klebanowski, Axis Architecture requesting signature for the Addendum application for the State Permitting regarding the revisions to the range hood design – Hammond Fire Station No. 2. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve for signature; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-481)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set for August 25, 2022; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-482)

Under New Business, Agreement for Professional Services with Crawford Murphy and Tilly in the amount of \$25,000 for the Governors Parkway Bridge – Gap Funding Application. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-483)

Request for advertising dates of August 11, 2022 and August 18, 2022 with a bid opening of September 1, 2022 for the Hohman Avenue Striping – Douglas Street to 165th Street Project. Mr. Button advises that Engineering is managing, not consultant. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-484) Res. No. 2857

Request for advertising dates of August 11, 2022 and August 18, 2022 with a bid opening of September 1, 2022 for the Tapper Avenue Lighting Project. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-485) Res. No. 2857

Billing received from Axis Architecture + Interiors for the Hammond Fire Station No. 2 submitted for approval. Mr. Smith advises to forward to Port Authority. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve and forward to Port Authority; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-486)

Right of Way Permits (4) submitted for approval from Engineering Department. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-487)

Amusement Devices for the week of August 1, 2022 submitted by Controller's Office. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-488)

Plat of Water Tower Second Addition submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-489)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-490)

Under Old Business, Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish – 2128 Atchison (front & garage). Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-491)

1101 Roosevelt – Mr. Smith requests that the file be sent to Law Department.

6547 Madison (garage) – After discussion, Inspector Jordan advises the property owner stated they were going to fix the garage, nothing has been done. File will be resent to Smith Sersic and move forward with demolition process. (Ins. No. 22-492)

7508 Birch – Attorney Driscoll appears via Zoom. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set for status on August 18, 2022; concurred by Mr. Perez.

3924 Henry Ave. – The rehab agreement will turn this back into a single-family home. Needs to be signed and returned within 2 weeks. No action.

Status – residential parking on 2600 and 2700 blocks of 162<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Button states Mr. Margraf was looking into this. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set for status on August 18, 2022; concurred by Mr. Perez.

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. Rich Castro advises Councilman Torres request in June regarding a tree on Johnson. Mr. Castro contacted Devin Wick in the park department and Mr. Wick determined the tree is still viable at this time, not in danger of dying soon, poor growth pattern that could cause structural damage in the future, full canopy, still in good shape and standing. (Ins. No. 22-493)

Mr. Torres states that every time there is strong wind, limbs fall out and damage the neighbor's property and requesting if ordinance can be amended. Inspector Farrell states they can cite the tree if it's a nuisance but they do rely on experts to determine if it's a danger. The determination that they received from the expert determines they cannot cite this person in court and there is not sufficient evidence to support a citation. This is a private property, they could contact their insurance. Mr. Smith suggests Councilman Torres meet with Devin to hear his position on this and revisit. Councilman Torres states they have filed with the insurance company twice and fear if they file another one could be a cancellation.


Councilman Kalwinski asks about the crossroad grants that were recently up and noticed that Hammond didn't apply for anything. Mr. Button believes this is the Community Crossing Match which is a 50/50 match and the city applied for 177<sup>th</sup> and was not awarded under that round because not all data was in and is currently working on it.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Recommendation by Mr. Long to adjourn; concurred by Mr. Perez. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:   
Jeffrey Long, Vice President

ATTEST:

  
Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary