

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2022, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present; Ms. Huerta – present.

Motion by Mr. Long to approve the Minutes of the meeting of September 29, 2022, October 6, 2022 and October 13, 2022; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Bid Openings, Bids were opened for properties located at 4407 Baltimore Avenue (re-bid); 940 Field Street (Front and Rear); 4750 Hickory Street (Front Only); 1524 Michigan Street (Garage); 6720 Ontario Avenue (Garage); 4751 Oak Avenue; 4315 Towle Avenue.

JM Industrial Services, Inc.	\$55,980.00 (Total)
Actin Contracting, LLC	\$80,924.00 (Total)

Mr. Smith suggest the recommendation letter by next week. Motion by Mr. Long to forward to Kelly and Kiki for review and recommendation per property; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4116)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button, Capital Improvements Board, requesting \$70,550.00 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Roadway Repairs to Hohman Avenue at Webb Street submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-626)

Correspondence received from Dean Button, Capital Improvements Board, requesting \$16,412.44 of CIB Funding to be allocated for Invoice No. 3 for the downtown Hammond Station, Russel Street Pedestrian Tunnel submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-627)

Correspondence received from Dean Button, Capital Improvements Board, requesting \$14,425.80 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the 165th Street Resurfacing from Columbia to Summer, Sewer Grouting with corresponding Change Order No. 1 submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-628)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police, William Short requesting the approval to place an Officer on paid administrative leave as of Friday, October 14, 2022 pending an investigation. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-629)

Correspondence received from Lochmueller Group requesting to have a stop signed controlled intersection on Kennedy northbound at Martha Street, northbound at 167th Street and northbound at Vine Street for the 2022-2023 winter months and the post construction permanent 4-way stop signs at both 167th Street and Vine Street. Mr. Gordish states this is a raised intersection to slow the traffic down. Mr. Smith questions if the stop signs were in the initial plans. Mr. Gordish states they were unintentionally left off the plans but were always in the design. The temporary signs are needed through the winter northbound and all will be closed to vehicles turning to/from Kennedy. The permanent 4-way stop signs will be at 167th Street and Vine Street post construction. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-630)

Correspondence received from Hammond Hermits requesting to block the intersections of 141st Street and Dearborn Avenue and 142nd Street and Dearborn with EMA vehicles on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for their annual Trunk or Treat. Mr. Kalina will take care of. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-631)

Correspondence received from Mike Van Camp requesting “no parking” at 231 Condit East to Lyman on both sides of the street for Friday, October 28, 2022 from 6:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. due to large fabrication shipments and a semi-trailer will need clearance to maneuver into the facility. Van’s will offer their parking lot for any displaced neighbors at this time. Normal traffic will have access. Mr. Van Camp appears. Motion by Mr. Long to approve and forward to Public Works for the signs; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-632)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Long to set for November 3, 2022; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-633)

Under New Business, Resolution Authorizing the City of Hammond to Enter into a Lease Agreement for the Purchase of Required Firetrucks submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this is a result of the Engine 7 crash that occurred on the highway and resulted in the loss of a rig which creates a public safety concern within the city because if any of the rigs go down, there is nothing after that so the purchase of a new truck from Fire Services is needed. Controller Office applied to the Indiana Bond Bank. Mr. Grossman is present from Crossroads Bank. Purchase agreement and resolution is next on the agenda. Mr. Smith did prepare the Resolution before you indicating that there was an emergency for public safety as a result of the loss of the fire engine. Mr. Smith requests the approval and the approval of the Master Lease which is next on the agenda. Payments are covered in the budget line. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. Res. No. 4120 (Ins. No. 22-634)

Master Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement with Crossroads Bank and Resolution for the purchase of a firetruck submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-635)

Settlement Agreement, Property Transfer and Release Agreement for property located at 6208 Kennedy Avenue submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this went before the Alcohol & Tobacco Commission Board today and he signed it yesterday and requests the ratification of it as he signed it yesterday. Motion by Mr. Long to approve the Settlement Agreement, Property Transfer and Release Agreement; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-636)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 820 Bauer St. Mr. Smith states this is the property that Mr. McKinley was before you and has been a very competent operator and request the approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-637)

Right of Way Permits (2) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Mr. Gordish states one is from Comcast at Columbia and 167th and the other is the closure of Bulletin Ct. between Willow and State St. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-638)

Under Old Business, Status – 7508 Birch. Mr. Driscoll appears via Zoom. Mr. Smith states no building permits have been pulled, Trinity Construction is not licensed with the city. Mr. Driscoll states Trinity Group, a new creation. Client is present, owner states he had given job to his property management group and for some reason, a permit wasn't pulled. Owner is trying to decide what to do. He will now work with them in order for this not to happen again. Mr. Smith states permits have to be done before an inspection, call for an inspection right away and set this over for three weeks to report back to the Board. Mr. Driscoll states that moving forward the owner will work directly with the contractor so this doesn't happen. Mr. Smith acknowledges but states ultimately the responsibility goes to the owner. Mr. Smith requests Mr. Driscoll to email Mr. Lewter to give a summary. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on November 10, 2022; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - New Zion Temple Church requesting to block off Tapper from Merrill to Morris on October 31, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to hold an outside movie in the yard for the neighborhood. Representative appears and states the trunk or treat and movie will be in the parking lot, trunk or treat for the community, free food, candy. Cars will be in the street for the trunk or treat and will have their own security. Mr. Longs' concern is the trick or treaters with the parents following in the vehicles and they would be unable to pass there. Representative states anyone can stop by, parking in the area and will remove the blockage once it gets dark. Mr. Smith states the concern is the street if there is a traffic issue and maybe let the police department know. Motion by Mr. Long to approve the request but set the times from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-639)

Status – Jimenez Auto - Attorney Bartholomew and owner are present. Mr. Bartholomew states he and Brian had an email exchange that he didn't have any issue for this property for a nonconforming use. Mr. Poland confirms that it is a continuation of a legal nonconforming use and the site plan meets all the requirements. Mr. Smith questions the time line. Owner's daughter stated they finally met up with contractor, he was on vacation and it was difficult. The name is Live Life and Color Calumet Painting and Restoration. Mr. Smith states he believes this is a painter not a contractor. Mr. Bartholomew sent a list of licensed contractors for the city. There will be changes in landscaping, parking lot and convert building to repair shop, expansion of office, there are substantial changes besides the paint. Mr. Margraf asks if there are plans. Mr. Bartholomew stated they have plans for the outside structure and Mr. Bruce Kujawa offered to draw up the interior plans but wanted to make sure they have approval before he draws the plans up. Mr. Long has concerns that it doesn't seem we are making progress and questions if we can expedite and that we have met several times and feels it is in the same place every time. Daughter said contractor said it will take about 2 weeks. Mr. Smith states we have bent over backwards for this business, allowed them to operate without a license during this pendency and would like to set some benchmarks on this. Cannot continue to operate, without plans, without contractor. The goal is to ultimately move out of Calumet Avenue due to two businesses, issues with parking on the street, blocking driveways. This needs to move much quicker. Inspections indicate they will probably will need a release from the State because it's a change in use and that may take some time. Requests Mr. Kujawa appear at status in a couple of weeks to then give them a timeline. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status to November 3, 2022 with contractor present; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Ernie Dillon, 5963 Park Place requesting assistance for Post 168 for the for the Memorial at the corner of Lyman and Douglas on Veterans Day from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Mr. Dillon is requesting the assistance of EMA, bleachers, podium, speaker stands and chairs. Mr. Margraf states this will take a few days to find out what we can, we'll have a better status for next week. (Ins. No. 22-640)

Mr. John Garcia, 738 Spruce, requesting residential parking due to heavy traffic from home owners who has multiple cars, 727 has been a nuisance, threatening residents. Has signatures for this, calls police due to the threatening nature, parks cars in front of others and does not move it, and many Illinois tags. They have called and complained every day, Lt. Moore is aware of it and has also been threatened. Mr. Long will find out what is going on. Mr. Farrell states they do have an active citation out for operating a repair shop without a license, junk vehicles on the property, multiple violations. Inspector Jordan states the home owner at 727 has his son and cousin living at the residence. Mr. Farrell states owner has said they are working on family vehicles but they don't have sufficient evidence to state otherwise. Inspector Jordan states the property is on a 12-month review and doesn't have evidence they are working and collecting money for the auto repair business. He does monitor weekly. There are an absurd amount of vehicles on the streets but doesn't have the technology to run the plate while they are out there.

He's had conversation with Lt. Moore about how long they can stay, tagged, relocation. Mr. Long stated he will talk with Lt. Moore to find out and get something going on this. A female neighbor asks can a person from another state and use their street for a storage area. Mr. Long states no and requests additional time to look into this. Mr. Long states when tagged, they have 96 hours to move the vehicle.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Long to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Huerta. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.


APPROVED:

BY:

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Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:

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Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary