

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2023**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2023, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Huerta – absent; Ms. Greenwell – present.

Due to the absence of Ms. Huerta, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to defer the Minutes of the meeting of January 5, 2023; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads, Mr. Button requests approval for Advance Engineering's request to temporarily restrict traffic on Nevada Court south of Martha Street. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-010)

Correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the promotions of the following officers to 1st Class Patrolman and pay adjustments effective January 2, 2023: Enrique Cook, Matthew Zembala, Crystal Taylor, Lindsey Fritz, Charlie Mixon, and Andrew Webb; Sergeant Eusebio Gonzalez was transferred from the Narcotics Division to the Patrol Division effective January 11, 2023; and the resignation of Officer Niven effective January 8, 2023 submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-011)

Correspondence received from Dean Button, City Engineer requesting the approval and electronic signatures of the INDOT-LPA Agreement – Design and Construction Engineering Contract – 177th Street /179th Street – Carlson Drive to Cline submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-012)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the Agreement with Alexander Gorlin Architects of New York for the planning and design of the downtown Hammond commuter station at Russell Street along the NICTD alignment in the amount of \$50,000 submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-013)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the Agreement Milestone Contractors for the reconstruction of JF Mahoney Drive from 174th Street to Parrish Avenue in the amount of \$1,714,032.69 submitted for approval. Mr. Button states this was bid in summer of 2022, price was held, APRA money. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-014)

Correspondence received from FH Paschen Ragnar Benson requesting the permanent street closure of Russell Street per the NICTD West Lake Corridor Project Design and City of Hammond's approval to accommodate the project design. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-015)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Barry Tyler requesting \$30,000 of gaming funds be allocated for tree removal in the 3rd District. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-016)

Correspondence received from Smith Sersic confirming to continue contracting with their firm for legal services as needed. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to accept; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-017)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearing. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for January 26, 2023; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-018)

Under New Business, Certificate of Self Insurance received from Megan Flores, City Controller requesting signature. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to accept; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-019)

Agreement with The Howard E. Nyhart Company, Inc. submitted by Megan Flores for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-020)

Right of Way Permits (5) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-021)

Disposal Authorizations submitted from the Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-022)

Under Old Business, Status - Jimenez Auto – Attorney Bartholomew states they have new property, zoning appears to look appropriate, garage bay has multiple businesses, in the process of confirming the status of independent addresses of the licensees. The plan is to use one unit as storage, 2 garage units for shop but waiting for tenant to move since lease has expired. Ms. Jimenez stated he needed some time to get stuff out, 3 months. Mr. Bartholomew states they are working with tenant to get out and with the architect to get more formal plans. Mr. Long asks when issues would be resolved. Mr. Bartholomew states the architect normally has a turnaround about a month or so and then will be able to provide to Mr. Poland. Questions regarding parking, who will be where, doesn't have an exact eta. Will expedite as much as possible. Mr. Long would like to keep this moving forward. Ms. Hill states the lease is expired, the city believes they can act immediately to remove them, doesn't think 3 months is reasonable. Mr. Bartholomew is reviewing the release and will send a 30-day letter. Ms. Hill requests a status at the end of February. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set status for February 23, 2023;

concurring by Mr. Long.

Status – 504 177th – Inspector Castro states contractor did not call for inspection, requests 30-day status. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on February 16, 2023; concurring by Mr. Long.

Status – 3407 Kenwood – Inspector Castro presents photos, no inspection since August 2022, haven't heard anything. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on February 16, 2023 and owner to appear; concurring by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-023)

Status - 4905 Linden – Inspector Castro states Mr. Taylor was here but had to leave for a funeral. Mr. Castro states the siding is up, waiting on plumber and electrical to finish up their work for inspection, pulling new permit for other work and requests a date for status. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on February 16, 2023; concurring by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-024)

Under Rental Registration Hearings. - 7518 Grand Ave. and 1433 173rd. Mr. Castro requests a continuance since Mr. Farrell couldn't make it. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for January 19, 2023; concurring by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-025)


Under Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. Brian Poland presents a Utility Easement between Hammond Redevelopment Commission and Hammond Sanitary District. Mr. Button states the Board is acknowledging and accepting the easement. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to acknowledge and accept the Utility Easement; concurring by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-026)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; concurring by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: 
Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary