

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2023, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Greenwell – absent; Mr. Kalina – present.

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

Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2023; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Bid Opening – Hammond Striping Project. No bids were received.

Under Demolition Hearings: 5627 Calumet Avenue: Mr. Smith states owner listed as David James Howard. Photos show boarded up doors and windows. Roof appears to be in bad condition, missing bricks and needs tuck pointing. Portion of the rear structure at 5625 Calumet is owned by Redevelopment. No one present, good service and request to affirm the Order. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to affirm the Order; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-147)

7147 Kennedy Avenue: Mr. Smith states owner listed as 7147 Kennedy LLC. Photos show boarded up windows, debris in the back. Roof appears to be in poor condition. There have been many complaints from residents. Attorney Kvachkoff represents the new owner and is willing to pay for a demo inspection and has a roof permit, requests three weeks. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for April 13, 2023; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-147)

5962 Park Place (Garage): Mr. Smith states owner listed as Angel and Maria De Sollano Diez. Photos show garage that is in very poor condition. Overhead door is broken, and on the ground, siding is falling off, roof also in very poor condition with holes present. Inspector Abel states the garage has been repaired and request to be removed for compliance. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to rescind the Order and remove for compliance; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-147)

6106 Noble Avenue (Garage): Mr. Smith states owner listed as Aureliano Vargas. Photos show fenced in garage with roof that appears to be in poor condition, missing sections of gutters, and missing doors. No one present and has good service, request to affirm the Order. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to affirm the Order; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-147)

2831 Orchard Drive: Mr. Smith states owner listed as John T. Wilson. Photos show a two-story structure that has been boarded up since 2021. There have been many police calls about this property and possible squatters. No water on per the water department. No one present

and has good service, request to affirm the Order. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to affirm the Order; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-147)

30 Warren Street: Mr. Smith acknowledges Attorney Driscoll appears via Zoom. Attorney Driscoll states his client is the tax certificate holder, and waiting on the deed and will request a demo inspection. Client wants to rehab right away. Mr. Smith recommends the Order be entered but stay and allow 4-5 weeks. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to affirm the Order but stay until status set for April 27, 2023; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-147)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button, Capital Improvements Board, requesting \$22,306.00 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Chicago Street Right of Way Dedication Exhibits and Assistance and Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with First Group submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-148)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$2,119.20 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the City Hall Video Surveillance and Supplemental Agreement with Vermillion Systems submitted for approval. Mr. Button states this is to upgrade the software. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-149)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$31,339.30 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Chicago Street Phase 2 project and Change Order Nos. 11 through 16 submitted for approval. Mr. Button states this should be the last change order. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-150)

Correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval of the demotion of Officer Joseph Martinez from the rank of Master Sergeant to the rank of Sergeant effective March 15, 2023. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-151)

Correspondence received from John Vezmar, Multimedia Coordinator requesting the approval of the quote from JEL Audio for the Council Chambers AV upgrade project. Mr. Smith requests the approval and is from the ARP funds. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-152)

Correspondence received from Chris Campbell, Director of Information Technology requesting the approval for the renewal contract with Impact Networking for managed print services for City Hall. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-153)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for April 6, 2023; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-154)

Under New Business, Agreement to Rehabilitate property located at 228 Condit Street submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve and set for status on June 22, 2023; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-155)

Agreement to Rehabilitate property located at 1430 Stanton submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve and set for status on June 15, 2023; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-156)

Right of Way Permits (3) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-157)

Memorandum of Understanding for the Hammond Police Department for video access. Mr. Smith states this is for the Police Department for residents or business who want to sign up. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-158)

Resolution Authorizing the City of Hammond to Transfer Property located at 5911-15 Calumet Ave. and 5923 Calumet Ave. to the Hammond Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Smith states this is to transfer property to Hammond Redevelopment and requests approval and approve the forthcoming IGA. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve the resolution and agreement; concurred by Mr. Long. Res. No. 4135 (Ins. No. 23-159)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 7217 Harrison Ave. submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-160)

Plat of McDonald's Calumet Avenue Addition submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-161)

Under Old Business, Status – 19 Webb. Mr. Smith states all final inspections are complete. Mr. Lewter states they have some repairs to do and requests a status. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on April 20, 2023; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Rental Registration Hearings, 6709 Osborn Ave. and 6711 Osborn Ave. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-162)

6948 Alabama Ave. - Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-162)

2456 White Oak (2) – Owner failed to appear. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to deny the appeal and apply the late fee for both units; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-162)

7522 McCook Ave. - Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee and remove homestead; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-162)

4724 Towle, 4614 Henry, and 973 Michigan – Mr. Farrell states previously two appeals that were waived in 2012 and 2015. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to apply 1 late fee for Towle and waive the others; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-162)

7724 Beech – Property manager appears. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-162)

7412 Columbia – Ms. Hutton's son appears. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-162)

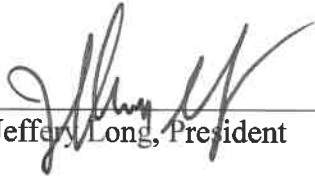
Under Meeting Open to Public, Councilman Torres wants an autistic sign at 4436 Columbia. Commissioner Felix Gonzales states he will take care of. Mr. Torres also states there is no space for parking.

Mr. Torres would like the businesses to be cited for garbage clean up on the 4600 block of Cedar behind McDonalds and Taco Bell. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to forward to the parking issue to Engineering and forward the garbage debris to Code Enforcement; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-163)

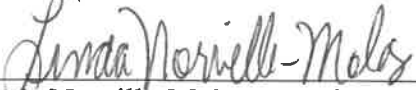
There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Kalina; concurred by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffrey Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary