

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF MARCH 30, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2023, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Greenwell – present; Mr. Kalina – present.

Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads, Mr. Button presents a request from Rieth-Riley to have stop control at Sibley and Homan through September 1, 2023. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-164)

Mr. Button presents a request from Rieth-Riley for a two-day closure for Northbound Hohman Avenue at Fayette and Sibley St. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-165)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button, Capital Improvements Board, requesting \$115,200.00 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the 177th/179th Street Reconstruction – Construction Engineering and Supplement Agreement No. 1. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-166)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$860,999.40 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the 177th/179th Street Reconstruction – Local Match and Contract with Rieth-Riley Construction. Mr. Button states this is a grant from INDOT and will need to be in by April 6, 2023. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-167)

Correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police, submitting the retirement of Sergeant Kimberly Haney, who has served the citizens of Hammond for 32 years, effective the close of business on May, 25, 2023, the retirement of Sergeant Manual Llanes, who has served the citizens of Hammond for 29.5 years, effective the close of business on June 25, 2023, and a disciplinary matter. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-168)

Correspondence received from Gariup Construction requesting the closure of Calumet Avenue on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. and reopen on April 14, 2023 at 6:00 a.m. with the attached traffic control plan with an inclement weather date of April 18, 2023. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-169)

Correspondence received from F.H. Paschen requesting a road closure at Sheffield Ave and Hoffman for the NICTD West Lake Corridor project from April 3, 2023 through April 10, 2023. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-170)

Correspondence received from Brian Miller, Purdue University Northwest, advising there will be noise from the concert event being held on April 14, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the parking lot. Hammond Police Department and PNW Police Department will be present to insure safety and security. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and to be cleared by 11:00 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-171)

Correspondence received from Joel Sanchez, requesting his hearing for late rental registration for 2456 White Oak be reheard. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set hearing for April 13, 2023 to hear reason as to why Board should consider; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-172)

Correspondence received from Christina Ochoa, 7335 Delaware Ave., requesting permission to place a moving 41 feet trailer on her property which will block the sidewalk and partially into the street on April 11, 2023 for approximately 3 days. Mr. Button requests this be referred to Engineering. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to refer to Engineering for review and consideration; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-173)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for April 13, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-174)

Under Matters from Board Members, Ms. Greenwell presents an Order to Rescind Order to Demolish for property located at 19 Webb. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-175)

Under New Business, Right of Way Permit received from Engineering. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-176)

Business amusement device license for Porter's Tap. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-177)

Under Old Business, Jimenez Auto – Mr. Smith states this was the first time he heard about the decision to move to Hohman permanently. Attorney Bartholomew states that he wasn't present last meeting. Brian Poland has requested some revisions and parking arrangements to become in compliance with city. Jimenez Auto will use 2 units for their business. There are multiple businesses and the parking will need to be sufficient for all. They will soon be relocating their business to this location. Mr. Smith questions the status on their permanent/temporary plans. Jimenez Auto would eventually like to move to the old car wash but now need

to acquire their business license. Mr. Smith states that is a great summary and move is eminent and inquires about business license and unit designation. Mr. Bartholomew states that on the business license, they stop putting the units on them, units are 1 through 4. Mr. Jimenez is owner of total parcels, they just have the parking issue. Mr. Smith suggests a 4-week status and requests Brian Poland to be present or present a status report. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set on April 27, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 5235 State Line – Mr. Castro states the rear is demolished. Mr. Flores states the 2nd addition is down, has architect plans for the size of the bathroom and plans to be done soon. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set on April 27, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 4440 Torrence – Mr. Lewter advises the work is almost complete and requests a 60-day status. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set on May 25, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 5554 Walter – Owner states she is trying to get the bond and is waiting on two insurance companies. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set on April 13, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 7235-41 Calumet Ave. – No one present. Mr. Smith states this is in litigation and requests a status and to notify all. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set on April 27, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 1806 Brown Ave. – Mr. Smith states the previous owner still lives there. Inspector Pajdzik states there have been multiple complaints. Mr. Lewter advises that with people still living in the house, he can't inspect. Mr. Smith states new owner is waiting on deed. Owner (appears via Zoom) states deed needs to be issued before the can file an eviction, can city file something and questions what is the city's stance? Kelly states city can plan to inspect, mark uninhabitable and give a 10-day notice to vacate and he can work through the eviction process. Mr. Smith states owner can file the eviction and city will mark it uninhabitable and requests a 6-week status. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for May 11, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Rental Registration Hearings, 950 Murray – Owner present. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-178)

4316 Dearborn Ave. – Owner present. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-178)

6832 Woodmar Ave. – Owner present. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-178)

6423 New Jersey Ave. and 5722 Baring Ave. – Mr. Farrell states they were late for 2021 and 2022 so he recommends this to be sent to Smith Sersic for collection. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to Smith Sersic; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-178)

7514 Jackson Ave. (3) - Mr. Winful appears and states he occupies one unit. Mr. Farrell states he will need to fill out an affidavit. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive late fee for 2 units; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-178)

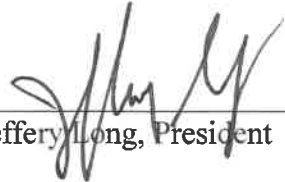
Under Open to the Public, Mr. Tony Scott, 22 Williams requesting business open signs and parking in rear signs for the dentist office, United Dental Care, located at 5254 Hohman. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to Public Works to follow up; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-179)

Antonio Alvarez states he will apply for business license at 6701 Calumet Avenue, its zoned C-4, he rents out cars digitally, will apply for a parking lot license. Mr. Smith suggest he meet with Brian and Tom to find out what is required, may need to request a variance through the BZA Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Kalina. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary