

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2023, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Greenwell – present; Mr. Kalina – absent.

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

Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve the Minutes of the meeting of April 20, 2023; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Matters from other Department Heads, Mr. Button requests the approval of lane restrictions for the Indiana Toll Bridge inspection on May 3, 2023. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-233)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the Agreement with J&J Newell Concrete Contractors for the citywide sidewalk removal and replacement program. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-234)

Correspondence received from Dean Button recommending the award for the quote for materials (aggregate/etc.) for the Hammond Sportsplex be awarded to Dyer Construction in the amount of \$132,906.00. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-235)

Correspondence received from Dean Button recommending the award for the quote for fence materials and installation for the Hammond Sportsplex be awarded to Hammond Fence in the amount of \$26,500.00. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-236)

Correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval for the following officers to be promoted to the rank of 3rd Class Patrolman effective April 28, 2023: Officer Brandon Kerwin, Officer Alex Mendieta and Officer Zachary Steel; recommend that Officer Zachary Retske be promoted to the rank of 2nd Class Patrolman effective April 21, 2023; and recommend that Carina Acevedo be appointed as a Probationer member effective April 20, 2023. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-237)

Correspondence received from Ron Novak requesting approval of the Proposed License Agreement and Right of Way Permit with Kennedy Go Lo and its representative, Eagle Environmental to allow access to city property near 7305 Kennedy Avenue to perform additional environmental sampling at the various properties. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to

approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-238)

Correspondence received from Chris Campbell, Director of IT recommending the approval of the renewal contract with Comcast for internet service and the approval with CivicPlus for the 311 App. Mr. Smith states he has reviewed. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-239)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for May 11, 2023; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-240)

Correspondence received from Carlos Alvarez from Mi Gente Entertainment, requesting permission to charge a parking fee of \$20 per vehicle at the Hammond Civic Center for May 13, 2023. This event has been approved through the Park Board. Mr. Smith states he has no objection but only for Park Department property as the parking lot across the street is controlled by School City. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-241)

Correspondence received from Montessori Children's School House, 5935 Hohman Ave. requesting a "school zone" sign on Waltham Street. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to refer to Engineering; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-242)

Under New Business, Agreement to Rehabilitate property located at 1246 Indiana Street submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve and set for status on July 20, 2023; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-243)

Notice of Hearing to Recover Cost Occurred by Emergency Action Under I.C. 36-7-9-9 for property at 2331 169th Street. Mr. Smith states this was a clean-up because of a shared wall with odor, the Board approved to move forward with quotes and this is the statutory hearing to place a lien on the property for the invoice. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-244)

Request from Inspections Department for approval of a \$2.00 increase to cut and clean pay scale applied to each lot size tier. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-245)

Right of Way Permits (4) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-246)

Disposal Authorizations received from Hammond Police Department submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-247)

Garage Sales Permit submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-248)

Business License Waivers for University Eye Institute and U-Haul of Hammond. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set status for May 11, 2023; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-249)

Under Old Business, Status - Jimenez Auto – Attorney Bartholomew states the tenant is completely gone and has not obtained a business license yet. He states he has been corresponding with Brian Poland and has provided the plans but there are parking issues with the corner lot, draining issues and landscaping requirements. Mr. Poland states concerns with the number of parking spaces and paving the portion of the lot per zoning ordinance; landscaping requirements can be discussed; and has questions about the presence of boats being parked on lot. Ms. Jimenez states that boats were there with an agreement from prior owner, boats park during winter with previous agreement but if they can't have them there, they will make other arrangements. Mr. Smith questions if the landscaping issue will hold them up from getting in and operating and reminding that several violations were the issue. Mr. Poland states Zoning can sign off and identify the outstanding items and work with the time frame to be completed and would allow business license process to move forward. Mr. Smith thinks this is great and like to get the moving forward and would like a drop-dead as to when they will be out of old business and in the new one. Owner states they can be out in a month. Mr. Bartholomew states they can apply for the business license now. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set status for June 15, 2023 and final date of June 22, 2023; concurred by Mr. Long. Mr. Smith makes aware the origin of this whole process was that they were late on business license fees which will need to get resolve.

Status – Ms. Carol Squair-Price – use of property at 7147 Kennedy Ave. Mr. Long states the Park Board already denied the request. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to deny; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-250)

Status – 5235 State Line – Mr. Flores states he has gotten permits, Mr. Soto is working on now, plumbing and brickwork. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on July 13, 2023; concurred by Mr. Long.

Notice of Violation – 7235-41 Calumet Ave. – Mr. Farrell states the original owner sold on contract to Ms. Herrera and there are issues that need to be addressed. Mr. Smith recommends to notify both parties that the hearing will move forward. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to notify and set for hearing on June 1, 2023; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-251)

Rehab Status - 2314 Indianapolis – Mr. Lewter states most of the interior is completed and the electrical and plumbing to be completed. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on July 6, 2023; concurred by Mr. Long.

Rehab Status – 4919 Pine – Owner would like to read and sign Agreement.
Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve rehab agreement and set for status on June 22, 2023; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-252)

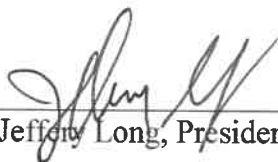
Rehab Status – 4749 Hickory – Mr. Lewter states that no bond was posted and that permit were issued in error so a stop work order was posted on February 14, 2023. Mr. Smith states he has no rehab agreement and will need to look into this. No action taken.

Under Rental Registration Hearings, 4319 Torrence. No one appears. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to deny; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-253)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; concurred by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffrey Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary