

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF MAY 25, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, May 25, 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 May 18, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval and electronic signature for the Indiana Department of Transportation (Des. No. 1500416 for the time extension for the Calumet/Conkey Street bridge. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-300)

Correspondence received from Rieth-Riley requesting road closure of Hohman Avenue between Sibley St. and Russell St. beginning June 1, 2023 through August 11, 2023 for the Hohman Avenue Reconstruction project. Mr. Smith has concerns with the businesses NOT being notified. Requests Engineering to provide a plan of notice for the businesses or access in phases and requests Mr. Button to let him know. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to defer to June 1, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-301)

Correspondence received from NIPSCO requesting to close road and sidewalk access to the Hohman Avenue Bridge starting May 30, 2023 through June 2, 2023 to string electrical wire across the bridge. Mr. Gordish states this is a total closure. Mr. Smith requests to define the hours. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve contingent upon the hours are after morning traffic and before evening traffic; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-302)

Correspondence received from Ron Novak requesting approval of the Proposed License Agreement with Do-All Village, Inc. and its representative, EnviroForensics, LLC to allow access to city property near 837 Hoffman Street to perform additional environmental sampling. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-303)

Correspondence received from Madison Hayes, 6820 Arkansas Ave., requesting “children at play” signs near the intersection of Martha and Arkansas due to the increased traffic due to Kennedy Avenue construction. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to Engineering; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-304)

Correspondence received from Amanda Gamino requesting street closure on Monroe from 170th Street to the alley before 169th St. on May 27, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. with signatures attached. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES

ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-305)

Correspondence received from Leon Wolek requesting permission for Troy Church to make exhibition jump into the event at Wolf Lake Memorial Park at the opening ceremonies for the Triathlon held on June 4, 2023. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-306)

Correspondence received from Goldencutz Barbershop, 173rd and Columbia, requesting permission to temporarily use curbside parking in front of building for approximately 2-3 months in order to construct a parking lot for the business. Mr. Gordish would like to defer for zoning concerns. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to defer to June 1, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-307)

Correspondence received from Cleonna Henderson, Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network, requesting to place banners on street poles on Hohman Avenue in front of Wound Healing Institute, Renal Dialysis Center, Medial Arts Center and on Douglas St. in front of DaVita Dialysis to celebrate the National Minority Donor Awareness Month during the month of August. Mr. Smith states this is a private company and we should deny. Mr. Smith will call. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to defer to June 1, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-308)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for June 15, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-309)

Under Matters from Board Members, Ms. Greenwell has a request from a resident Rachel Adam requesting a residential sign in front of her house. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to refer to Engineering; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-310)

Under New Business, Memorandum of Understanding Governing the Usage of Security Cameras between the Hammond Police Department and Homestead Enterprise Housing submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-311)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property at 1429 Truman Street submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-312)

Right of Way Permits (3) received from Engineering Department submitted for approval. Mr. Gordish states two are for Paschen at Conkey and Kenwood. Mr. Smith requests notices in advance. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve upon notification to residence and public; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-313)

First Amendment to the 2006 Purchase Agreement between the Village of Lansing, Illinois and the City of Hammond submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-314)

Robertsdale Access Agreements received from 1312 121st Street, 1210 121st Street, 1218 121st Street, 1220 121st Street, 1226 121st Street, 1234 121st Street, 1238 121st Street, 1240 121st Street, 1242 121st Street, 1250 121st Street, 1316 121st Street, 1315 121st Street submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-315)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-316)

Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement with Hammond Redevelopment Commission to transfer property located at 5506 Alice. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-317)

Under Old Business, 1806 Brown. Mr. Strezovski has deed but has now sold to new owner, 1806 Brown, LLC. The eviction hearing is June 15. Mr. and Ms. Dobrosz, owner of LLC, plan to turn into rental. Mr. Smith states he will talk to Mr. Golding and request contact information. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on June 22, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 4440 Torrence – property has been inspected and approved. Recommend Order to Rescind. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Rental Registration Hearings, 4738 Calumet Ave., 640 141st, and 4307 Baltimore (2) Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive late fees; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-318)

6639 Alexander Ave. (2) -McCormick Real Estate. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive late fees; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-318)

6726 Ohio Ave. – No one appears. Mr. Farrell states not registered from 2016 – 2023. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to deny and forward to Smith Sersic for collections; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-318)

7746 Columbia Ave. – Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-318)

1151-1161 Logan St. (6) – Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-318)

630 Thornton St. (4) – Owner present. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive late fee and complete homestead form; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-318)

264 Florence (2) Owner appear. Mr. Farrell states this was incorrectly on agenda last week and was defaulted. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to rescind last week's order and waive late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-318)

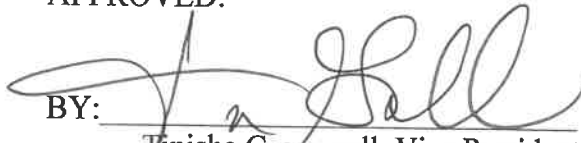
Under Meeting Open to Public, member of public believes Gift of Hope is a good idea but no signs should be on city poles and should be put on private property.

Ms. Marilyn, 1829 Warwick objects to the rehab at 1806 Brown and presents photos. Mr. Kearney states they cannot determine if it is uninhabitable until there is an inspection completed. Mr. Farrell states they have had multiple complaints. Mr. Long states there is a process to follow. Mr. Lewter gives card and states they have had multiple success stories. (Ins. No. 23-319)

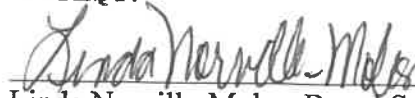
Councilman Flores states he was tied up in traffic and the permission goes through the Board. Mr. Kalina states they are aware of the situation.

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 9:55 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: 
Tinisha Greenwell, Vice President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary