

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, August 24, 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 August 17, 2023; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Button would like to update the Board on the NICTD work being done on Hohman and Michigan, as they need to set the large bridge. Mr. Button has asked them to hold back to give us a clear plan. Paschen is anticipating closing Hohman and Michigan on September 5th for 13 days to do the work. Mr. Button questioned them about keeping the schedule and stated they will bring a schedule to the Board next week and has asked them to put up warning signs before then. Mr. Smith questions their request from last time and if work was done. Mr. Button states some work was done, they did some ground penetration radar, did find some underneath issues and made the repairs. These issues existed prior. Mr. Smith suggests if the Board would require a bond to hold them to the timeline.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$171,521.00 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Hohman Avenue Change Order No. 12 with Reith-Riley and for the removal of vaulted sidewalks and corresponding Change Order submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-551)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$18,825.00 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Chicago Street Excess Land Parcels and Agreement with American Structurepoint submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-552)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval and electronic signatures of the INDOT-LPA Agreement – Marquette Greenway Trail – Kennedy to Cline (Des. No. 1901900) submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-553)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval and electronic signatures of the INDOT-LPA Agreement – Marquette Greenway Bridge Widening (Des. No. 2101128) submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-554)

Correspondence received from Dean Button recommending the approval for the City of East Chicago to use 165th Street in Hammond as part of an INDOT detour of a closure of Chicago Avenue and Indianapolis Blvd. for approximately two months. The option to use 129th Street has been denied. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-555)

Correspondence received from Dean Button recommending the approval of the Agreement with Republic Services for soil disposal on the Removal and Replacement of Lead Impacted Soil Environmental Remediation project submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-556)

Correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the promotional raise for Correctional Officer Oscar Estrada effective August 22, 2023; the resignation of Officer Shane McCormick effective the close of business on September 15, 2023; the resignation of Corporal Juan Ortiz effective the close of business on August 27, 2023; the promotion of Officer James Sheets to the rank of 1st Class Patrolman effective August 6, 2023; the promotions of Officers Jason Chorba and Simon Siba to the ranks of 1st Class Patrolman effective September 9, 2023; the reassignment of Captain Roger Cardwell from Narcotics Division to HPD Police Garage effective August 21, 2023 and a disciplinary action. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-557)

Correspondence received from Kelly Kearney requesting the bid award for the demolition of 1806 Brown be re-awarded to the next lowest responsible and responsive bidder, JM Industrial Services, Inc. in the amount of \$16,300.00 after the initial low bidder informed the city it was unable to accept the work. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-558)

Mr. Smith states the owner knows that the demo order is valid and if the owner is selling, he must inform the new buyer of the demo order.

Correspondence received from Armierree Bolden, 939 Cherry St., requesting to block Tapper Street from Cherry to the alley for a birthday party on August 26, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-559)

Under New Business, Funding Allocation Request Form requesting \$25,000 of 5th District Gaming Fund to be allocated for the Dowling Park Pond work submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-560)

Disposal Authorization Forms received from Hammond Police Department submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-561)

Right of Way Permit (6) received from Engineering Department submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-562)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-563)

SeeClickFix – requesting paint and signs for the pedestrian crossing at Northcote and River Drive. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to refer to Engineering; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-564)

Notice to Owners of Affected Property located at 6257 Hohman Ave. No action (Ins. No. 23-565)

Under Old Business, Renewal Contract with Impact for the copiers/printers within the Hammond Fire Department. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 23-566)

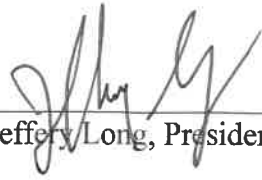
Status – 5554 Walter – Mr. Smith states the work continues but is slow and request a status in two weeks so Mr. Lewter can inspect and determine if an extension is necessary. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for September 7, 2023 and notify owner; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Open to the Public, Mr. Richard Trevino, 817 Sibley, states that the construction is impacting his wife's drive to work, the route changes and has made her late for work and is an ongoing frustration. Mr. Long acknowledges it is frustrating for us all and it will be great when completed.

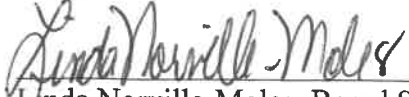
There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; concurred by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary