

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, November 9, 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 defer the Minutes of the meeting of October 18, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads, Mr. Gordish advised the Board that Douglas Street needs one more day to finish so they are asking to extend the final date from Sunday to Monday. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve 1-day extension; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$4,142.00 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the 177th/179th Street Reconstruction with Change Order No. 1 with Rieth Riley Construction for the additional striping and parking blocks for Oxbow Park parking lot. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-970)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$149,563.86 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Hohman Avenue Phase 1 Reconstruction and Supplemental Construction Engineering with American Structurepoint. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-971)

Correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police, requesting the approval of the Petition for Retirement of Sergeant Thomas Andrews, Jr., effective the close of business on November 8, 2023 who has served the citizens of Hammond for 32 years; and the resignation of Officer Juan Carrasco effective the close of business on November 1, 2023. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-972)

Correspondence received from Jeffery Smith, Fire Chief, requesting approval of the Amendment to Fire Department Rules and Regulations, and recommending the demotions of the following: EMT-1 Matthew Matz demoted to the rank of Engineer retroactive to October 25, 2023 and EMT-2 Steven Tepper demoted to the rank of Private 2nd Class, retroactive to October 24, 2023. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-973)

Correspondence received from City of Whiting advising of their Christmas Parade on December 1, 2023 at and requesting “no parking” signs posted on the east and west side of the 1900 block of Davis and requesting EMA and/or Hammond Police to aid in traffic control. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

(Ins. No. 23-974)

Under New Business, Agreement between Hammond Water Works, City of Hammond and City of Chicago Heights regarding Overpayment and Future Payments submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-975)

Second Extension of Agreement to Rehabilitate property located at 4919 Pine Ave. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-976)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-977)

Right of Way Permit received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-978)

Fourth Amendment to Agreement for Disposal of Yard Waste with Greentree Enterprises, LLC submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 23-979)

Under Old Business, 5235 State Line. Mr. Smith states Mr. Flores is not showing up, they are outside the demo order and letter was sent out. Mr. Smith requests a letter be sent from the Board. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on November 30, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

2314 Indianapolis Blvd. – Mr. Smith requests a 90 day Amended Rehab Agreement. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on February 22, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Gas Exception Hearings, 2007 169th – Woodmar Gas and Food Mart. Owner, Yadvinder Khatra and Manager, Sunny Tiwana appear. Mr. Tiwana has no ownership. Notification has been confirmed. Mr. Khatra and Mr. Tiwana were both sworn in. Mr. Tiwana states they would like to remain open 24/7, it is near a highway, there are only two on that side, customers are commuting to Chicago and it is near Purdue College, would like to remain open for safety purposes also during night.

Mr. Smith questions the corporation name. Mr. Tiwana states it is Super Petroleum, Inc., registered with the State of Indiana, has owned property for 16 years, has been opened since 2007, FUSUS connected one employee from 12-5 and cameras inside.

Mr. Smith presents Exhibit 1 – call log; Exhibit 2 - Novak report and photos; Exhibit 3 – screen shot of Controller’s printout; Exhibit 3A – Farrell report and photos.

Mr. Smith states this is not close to highway, about 6 blocks off and residents to the east.

Lt. Chris Gootee sworn in. FUSUS Administrator. FUSUS is working, there are 22 cameras, the 6 outside are good quality, clerk is behind a bullet proof glass, adequate LED lighting in parking lot. Within the last 2 years, there was an incident in the parking lot, concern for credit card fraud, domestic shooting.

Thomas Novak sworn in. He prepared Exhibit 2 report and photos. His concerns are the signage blocking most of the windows and door. Safety concerns are the ADA parking, dumpster on gravel and not fenced in, graffiti which is marked territory for gang, rusted cage, paint peeling, address needs to be on front and back. Mr. Novak questions the address of 2007 169th but county records show 6845 Indianapolis Blvd. and would like them to rectify with the county.

Mr. Long questions the unpaved portion up to the building, and enclosed dumpster.

Exhibit 3 and 3A. Mr. Farrell sworn in. Business license for 2007 169th, which does not exist and would need to be corrected on license application, fencing, clean up, repairs to fascia, needs trash pickup and is a busy intersection.

City Closing, Mr. Smith states 1) police calls – not a ton of calls, 1 shooting. 2) they are on FUSUS; 3) adequate security presence overnight; 4) commercial and residential; 5) not easily interstate travel; 6) city ordinance violations – some signage concerns, lighting is adequate; 7) license needs to be updates. This is currently closed overnight. (Ins. No. 23-980)

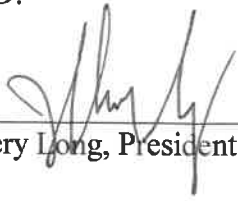
The Board will take this matter under advisement.

6318 Calumet Ave.- Mia Mart. Issa Hamed representative appears and Vadar Saleh, position manager. Both sworn in. Proper service was not made. Matter reset to November 30, 2023.

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 9:54 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary