BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2024

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2024, 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 28, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Bid Opening, Demolitions - 1305 – 171st Street, 1037 Ames Street, 7132 Chestnut Ave. (Garage), 424 Gostlin St. (aka 4504 Towle Ave.), 4208 Hohman Avenue, 6349-6351 Jefferson Avenue, 4626 Johnson Avenue (Rear), 1170 Sibley Street, 5661 Sohl Avenue, 944 State Street, 4636 Towle Avenue (Front/Garage) and 5436 Wood Ave. (Garage).

Actin Inc.	$158,990
JM Industrial Services, Inc.	$112,900
Junk Removal Services	$ 47,000
Donegal Services	No Total
R.Z. Services, Inc.	$199,100

Mr. Smith requests these be referred to the Law Department and Inspections. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to refer to Law and Inspections for review, tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4164)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button requesting $153,000 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Towle Theater Lot Resurfacing project and the recommendation of NIES Engineering to award the project to Dyer Construction Company which was the lowest and responsive quote. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-147)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting $589,000 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Columbia Avenue PEL Study and Agreement for Professional Services with Lochmueller Group submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-148)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting $43,600 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Hohman North Approach at Sibley and Agreement for Professional Services with First Group Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-149)

Correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval of the Petition for Retirement of Sergeant Robert Maldonado who has served the citizens of

Hammond for more than 29 years effective at the close of business July 11, 2024; the Petition for Retirement of Sergeant Randolph Chavez who has served the citizens of Hammond for more than 23 years effective at the close of business May 31, 2024; the resignation of Joseph Ivezic effective the close of business April 15, 2024; the termination of Officer Andrew Atchison effective the close of business March 28, 2024; the reassignment of Officer Arthur Latiker from Patrol Division to Community Affairs effective April 2, 2024; Officers Scott Denny, Benjamin Stombaugh and Arthur Latiker will relinquish their FTO Specialty Pay effective March 28, 2024; and the approval for Officer Jeramey Sandilla to receive FTO Specialty Pay effective March 28, 2024. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-150)

Correspondence received from Jeffery Smith, Fire Chief requesting the approval of the reassignment of Chief Inspector Danny Misiak to the rank of Private-P effective April 4, 2024 with pay adjustment submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-151)

Correspondence received from Chris Campbell, Director of IT requesting the approval of the Master Services Agreement for the Emergency Public Warning and Mass notification platform by Everbridge submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this was reviewed and recommends approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-152)

Correspondence received from Rieth-Riley Construction requesting alternating lane shifts on Summer Street from Indianapolis Blvd. to East 165th in order to begin curb replacements and casting adjustments starting April 10, 2024 through May 10, 2024. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-153)

Correspondence received from Hammond Hermits requesting the "residential parking" be suspended for the day of Saturday, May 4, 2024 and their inclement weather date of May 11, 2024 due to the Hammond Hermits Opening Day/Parade and requesting approval for their Opening Day Parade with attached route. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-154)

Correspondence received from Aubrey Zelenka, Hammond Downtown Development requesting to block off a portion of Fayette St. and the Arts Alley on June 14, July 12, August 9, and September 13, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. for the Farmer's Market and Art Market; all of Fayette St. and the Arts Alley, and Sibley (Oakley to Hohman) to be blocked off completely on June 14, 2024 from 5-7 p.m. Also requesting Fayette St. (past Foreign Locals parking lot ending at the city's parking lot and utilizing the parking lot) for the Blues Cruise on the following dates: June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024 from 4:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. with attached routes. Mr. Button has no objection but would like one week to review. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve pending review; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-155)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval to install "no parking from dusk to dawn except scheduled game days" signs around the perimeter of Hermits Park to limit vandalism and graffiti activity at the park. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-156)

Under New Business, Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 504 177th Street submitted for approval. Mr. Smith requests the Order to be approved and Linda to confirm payment on two liens. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-157)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 4344 Clark Ave. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-158)

Right of Way Permits (4) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-159)

Request for Rental Registration Hearing submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for April 18, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-160)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-161)

Under Old Business, Gas Station Status Updates: 6845 Indianapolis Blvd. a/k/a 2007 169th Citgo Gas and Woodmar Food Mart – Mr. Smith states he sent a letter to owner indicating that the Board would consider rescinding the 24 hour exemption based on non-compliance with the Board's Order. Mr. Singh states they have completed mostly everything and emailed to Mr. Novak. Mr. Novak states he was on vacation but did receive a permit for a dumpster enclosure which chain link fences is not allowed. Mr. Novak apologies that he hasn't worked through his emails. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status April 18, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 1430 Stanton – Mr. Lewter requests a 90-day rehab agreement. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status July 25, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 4919 Pine – Mr. Smith requests the agreement to be approved and set for status. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and set for status June 20, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-164)

Status - 6349-6351 Jefferson Ave. – Ms. Fulton appears via Zoom. Mr. Lewter states the inspection has been completed. Ms. Fulton states this will be a financial burden after the

inspection, she is trying to get an investor to buy the house and is not sure what she will do. Mr. Smith advises that the city would rather have the home rehabbed but if she sells the house, please provide the information to the city and advise the buyer that is has a demolition order. Mr. Smith suggests giving Mr. Fulton three weeks to figure out what she is able to do. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on April 25, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Notice of Violation Hearing – 715-17 Huehn St. – Inspector Pajdzik states there is a garden apartment with no egress and other code violation which is being used as office/bar space and suggests the Deed Restrictions signed by the owners be approved and recorded. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-165)

Business License Hearing – Hanks Auto Sales, 1174 Summer St. - Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-166)

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 9:45 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:

Linda Norville-Moles

Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary