

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 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 April 11, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads/their Representatives, Mr. Button states the Kennedy/Michigan closure will proceed in 10 days from now for 60 days.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$14,800.00 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the 422 Sibley Parking Improvements and Agreement for Professional Services with NIES Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-180)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$348,048.34 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Marble Street Reconstruction and Agreement with Milestone Contractors North submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-181)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$7,740.00 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the HAST Traffic Study and Agreement for Professional Services with NIES Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-182)

Correspondence received from Dean Button advising of the ramp closures from southbound SR 912 to westbound I-80/94 starting April 23, 2024 until approximately June 7, 2024 and then southbound SR 912 to eastbound I-80/94. Mr. Button would like to make this a matter of record. No action. (Ins. No. 24-183)

Correspondence received from Jeffery Smith, Fire Chief recommending Captain/Inspector Philip Scheeringa be promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief/Chief Inspector retroactive to April 15, 2024 submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-184)

Correspondence received from Julia Pustek, Hammond Port Authority Finance Director informing of the fireworks display for the annual Third of July Fireworks Celebration at Wolf Lake Memorial Park and the annual Hammond Marina Venetian Day & Night Festivities on July 13, 2024. The Mad Bomber will be the contractor providing both professional aerial displays

with the proper insurance and professional expertise. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-185)

Mr. Smith would like to go back to Under Matters from Other Department Heads/their Representatives and requests the approval of the Rehab Agreement for 4143 Hohman. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and set for status on August 1, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-186)

Mr. Smith also advises Animal Control is having a pet vaccine drive through at the Civic Center on May 11, 2024 and would like to have extra traffic control from EMA and PD for this event.

Under New Business, Funding Allocation Request Form requesting \$200,000 of the 6th District Gaming Fund be allocated for the Gibson Park Playground submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-187)

Funding Allocation Request Form requesting \$5,000 of the 6th District Gaming Fund be allocated for the Little Red School House submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-188)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish Only (Costs Remain) for property located at 1524 Michigan St. (Garage) submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-189)

Declaration of Property as Worthless by the I.T. Department submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-190)

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. 24-191)

Disposal Authorization received from Hammond Police Department submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-192)

Request for Rental Registration Hearing submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for May 2, May 9, and May 16, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-193)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-194)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish property located at 7508 Birch Ave. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-195)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish property located at 6624 Missouri Ave. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-196)

Under Old Business, Residential Parking Only Signage Subject to Tow – 6700 blocks of Baring, Ridgeland and Northcote. Mr. Smith states the administration and Parks is requesting a temporary 90-day signage due to patrons at the Sportsplex parking in the neighborhood. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve 90-day temporary signage and set for status on July 11, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-197)

Gas Station Status Updates: 6845 Indianapolis Blvd. (2007 – 169th) Mr. Novak states he met with the owner, the handicap parking spaces were striped, some of the holes and soffit were boarded up and working with Jeff Brennan to remodel the interior and face lift the exterior. Trash and weeds can be picked up and remove signs out of the windows. Owner states they have done everything and working on inside and outside with Mr. Brennan. Mr. Long wants clarification as to why this has taken so long. Mr. Novak states they have done a number of things but there are still some things not completed. The dumpster enclosure permit was done and approved. Mr. Farrell states the citation violation is in default. Mr. Long states the owner is saying things are done and the city is saying not much is done, so it's confusing and this should have been done already. Mr. Smith wants to focus on the Findings and Order of the Board and the things that needed to be fixed such as signage blocking more than 25% in most windows and over both front doors, 100% blockage in some window panes especially due to shelving that must be corrected. Mr. Novak – there has been substantial improvement. 2) Temporary and permanent signs in windows and on bollards without permit. Mr. Novak – was told to remove but hasn't been by in a couple days. 3) Large yellow sign on fence by alley. – Mr. Novak - that has not been removed. Owner states the windows have been completed and have a clear sign that they can see from inside. Mr. Novak states the side window near the cash register is blocked by shelving and some signage, they can see out but you can't see in and recommending blinds for the sun and removing the shelving. Mr. Novak states technically there is a statute that you are not allowed to have signs on fences, and if it was removed, it can't be put back. 4) No striping observed for parking spaces and at least one ADA space. Mr. Novak states they did stripe some spaces on the north end of the lot and they placed the ADA space too far from the door, and requests to move the ADA space. Dumpster enclosure was approved. Empty rusted cages for propane tanks have been removed. Mr. Novak states the weeds, lawns, peeling paint, gutters and downspout soffit can be upgraded and doesn't feel they have been addressed much. Owner states the realistic time line depends on Mr. Brennan. Mr. Novak states Mr. Brennan is working up the street and would like to have plans submitted and then move on with permits. Mr. Long states this should have been done. The business manager states they were going to do all at once and make it really nice on the outside but they can get it done by the end of next week and then

when they get the permits for the big rehab. Mr. Long states if there is not significant improvements by next Thursday, they might lose the ability to remain open. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on April 25, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

10770 Indianapolis Blvd. and 3550 Sheffield - Mr. Smith states we have two Luke's and that a letter was sent out because the items listed in the Findings and Order on Indianapolis were not fully addressed. Mr. Novak states improvements have not been done, there is hanging electrical wire from sign, not a good ADA path or space marked, no dumpster enclosure, and a shipping container on site. Mr. Fife states they were going to wait until spring to do a whole refresh, the signage will be taken down, will provide before and after photos, ADA parking is in progress in both locations, asphalt will start and will be fixing up the pot holes in the lots, landscaping will be done in the spring. Currently obtaining bids for both sites for the dumpsters from Hammond Fence. Dunkin' will be out this year at that location but will reach out to owner regarding the business license. Fireworks stand is seasonal, it operates out of #236 and will obtain license. Shipping container was gone last year, the one on Sheffield will be gone but it houses their storage and they will purchase a plastic shed for this. There is a check list with employees to stay on top of the trash is a busy location. Weeds will be taken care this week, drop box has been moved but they keep putting them back on the property. They do not have permission to have it on their property. Nick to look into citing owner. Mr. Fife affirms they do not have permission to be on their property. Mr. Long states when these were granted to remain open, the expectation was that the repairs would be done immediately or at least as soon as possible. Mr. Smith states that was our good faith belief that every petitioner would be doing these things timely and request the Board set another status for Mr. Fife to report to the Board. Mr. Fife - 1) signage – obtaining estimates today for both locations; 2 weeks for the uncapped electrical wiring at 236, payphone at 265 will be gone by 2 weeks, numbers will be displayed on the back of both businesses by next week, cleaning of lots done every day, third party for the weeds and lawn just started this week; shipping container should be out in 2 weeks; the asphalt will be longer. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on May 2, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 251 Detroit St. – Brenda De La Paz present. Mr. Lewter states the roof was alarming and is being worked on now which is almost completed, he will perform a demo inspection within the next couple days and homeowner will be able to pull permits and request a 30-day status. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on May 23, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 1315 170th St. – Mr. Castro requests a continuance. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on May 16, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 6946 Arizona – Mr. Christopher Rhodes appears and states he want to sell within 90 days and the fence is completed. Mr. Smith states this is a great rehab, will rescind the demo order and requests a 60-day status. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on June 27, 2024;

seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 1463 Indianapolis Blvd. – Mr. Lewter states the bond was posted and the work began and there has not been an inspection yet. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on June 6, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

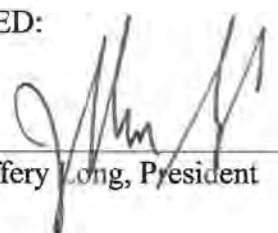
Under Rental Registration Hearings, 3508 170th Court – No one appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to deny the waiver; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-198)

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Ms. Linda Eichensehr, 942 State St., states that the next door neighbor at 944 State is demolishing their garage and has damaged her home, removed the back railing, damaged siding and gutters in the back of the house. Mr. Smith states this is a self-demo and suggests she request public records as to who the contractor is and pursue as a civil matter. Mr. Kearney states this can be addressed at the contractor's board. Mr. Jose Galvan states the contractor has badly damaged the house and should be held accountable.


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 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary