

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 31, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, October 31, 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 October 24, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval for the resignation of Officer Gabriel Blanco as a Hammond Police Department Officer the close of business on October 23, 2024. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-964)

Correspondence received from Anne Taylor requesting the approval of the First Amendment to Development Agreement with 7833 Indianapolis Blvd. LLC for property located at 7833 Indianapolis Blvd. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-965)

Correspondence received from Dave Weisz, Deputy Chief requesting the approval for the purchase of Expedition Powered Stair Chair from Sole Source submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-966)

Correspondence received from Mark Kalwinski requesting approval for the Whiting Knights of Columbus Council 1696 to label the roadway at Atchison Avenue at 119th Street “Home of the Pierogi Drop” and road closure to the parking garage exit of the Illiana Apartments submitted for approval. Mark Kalwinski and Andy Dybel appear requesting this to be painted on the asphalt. Mr. Long states this is new and would like to give some time to look into the matter. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to defer until November 7, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-967)

Request from FH Paschen requesting a full road closure of Sheffield Avenue at the NICTD/SSL Tracks from November 6, 2024 through November 20, 2024 in order to remove to old railroad tracks submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-968)

Under New Business, Resolution Establishing Procedures Governing the Active Full-Time, Paid Members of the City of Hammond Police Department to Vote Upon Whether to Reject the Establishment of a Merit System Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-8-3.5-4 submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this was rejected at council and this sets out the procedure from the Statute and they must set a date within 60 days from October 15, 2024. Motion by Ms.

Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. Res. No. 24-4176  
- (Ins. No. 24- 969)

Resolution Establishing Procedures Governing the Active Full-Time, Paid Members of the City of Hammond Fire Department to Vote Upon Whether to Reject the Establishment of a Merit System Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-8-3.5-4 submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. Res. No. 24-4177  
- (Ins. No. 24-970)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 7601 Golfway Court submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-971)

Agreement to Rehabilitate property located at 1933 Maiden Lane submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this has been long standing and has new owners. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and set for status on February 6, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-972)

Master Service Agreement with Life Safety Inspection Vault LLC and the City of Hammond Fire Department submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this will keep track better and at no cost. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-973)

Right of Way Permits (5) received from the Engineering Department submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-974)

Late Business License Renewal – Trios Little Tots, 6703 Rhode Island. Mr. Farrell states they are not registered with the State. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee on the condition they register with the State; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-975)

Request for Denial of Business License hearing submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this was denied and he will not be available that day and requests Brian, Dave Westland and City Controller to appear. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for November 7, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-976)

Under Old Business, Status – 607 State St. – Mr. Smith presents photos. Mr. Lewter states the exterior work is almost completed and they are working on the interior and requests a new rehab agreement. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on February 27, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-977)

Status - 1152 Michigan – Mr. Lewter states the roof was replaced and permits have been pulled and requests a new rehab agreement. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for February 27, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-978)

Gas Station Exemption Renewals – 10770 Indianapolis Blvd. – Luke 236, 850 Indianapolis Blvd. – Luke 255; and 3550 Sheffield - Luke 265 – Mr. Smith states Mr. Novak has presented the Board with photos of the properties and over all the city is very satisfied with what Luke has done over the year on these properties and wants the city to look good with the landscaping and the bed and that is an easy thing to do in the spring. Mr. Fife has always been available and attentive to the Board’s request. Mr. Novak states the ADA space should have an access aisle painted next to it. Mr. Long states they working on camera angles but they are good with FUSUS and requests to continue to work on the camera angles with Lt. Gootee. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-979)

Gas Station Exemption Renewal – 3550 169th – Attorney Yahne and owners appear via Zoom. Mr. Smith states all issues from last year were handled and there have been no problems. Mr. Yahne states this program has been good. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-979)

Gas Station Exemption Renewal – 6845 Indianapolis Blvd. (2007 169th) - Mr. Smith states the store had an interior remodel and other minor repairs have been made, and has a dumpster enclosure. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-979)

Gas Station Exemption Renewal – 4450 Calumet – Citgo - Mr. Smith states that the address numbers haven’t been posted and over all, Mr. Novak is okay with the items that were listed at the time of the exception being granted but a few things need to be done. Owner states fencing will be done by next. Mr. Novak recommends approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve contingent upon proper fixes being done and set for status on December 5, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-979)

Gas Station Exemption Renewal – 5228 Columbia – Citgo – Mr. Smith states this is Citgo, and they were only granted to open at 4:00 a.m., not much has been done as compared to other stations, the dumpster enclosure isn’t done yet, pot hole near the south entrance that was talked about last year, shelving and paint cans are still behind the building, address numbers are not posted, parking spaces were restriped however they have already faded, no ADA access aisle, some light posts are leaning. There is concern regarding whether or not the ownership of this property is taking seriously the fact that we have given them privilege to be open overnight. The fencing should be done next week, striping will be redone. The addresses are done, the pot holes will be fixed. Mr. Long states the problem is when we get something like this and it’s happening the day of when you have had so much time to do it, that’s frustrating for the Board. Owner said striping was done last year but it faded. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to defer decision to December

5, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-979)

Gas Station Exemption Renewal – 4508 Calumet – Mr. Whitham is present. Mr. Smith states there were signs taken down, electrical message board was shut down, pending removal. Painting issues. Mr. Novak states windows were clear of signage, painting needs to be done, striping for ADA parking spaces. Mr. Whitham states they spent 2 months redoing their POS system because of the beverage tax, problem in the beginning with the FUSUS system, all the delays blend together, did what they could when they had the time. The painting contractor cannot come in until spring. Mr. Long states the food and beverage tax became an issue in September, what was the hold up before then. Mr. Whitham will address the other issues within the next month or so. Mr. Smith states the painting seems like an easy fix, this is a busy gas station, the ADA striping is important, and would like that to be addressed soon and painting of the railings, which seems to be pretty easy. Mr. Novak would like them to get the address numbers reposted in the front and back and a dumpster enclosure. Mr. Long states this is something we can grant, its not a right of theirs and to make concessions at this point doesn't seem like the right thing to do, he was told to do certain things, they haven't been completed and now we are saying it's going to be next spring. There has been plenty of time to make the repairs and also Lt. Gootee mentioned there are FUSUS issues with the station because a couple of cameras point at a storage room and somewhere else. No reason for this. Mr. Long is not satisfied with the delays until next spring. Mr. Smith states the painting should have been done and requests a deferral on the decision until the December 5<sup>th</sup> date and see if they can get this stuff done. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to defer decision until December 5, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-979)

Meeting Open to the Public, Jerry Harrell, Hessville. Came in on September 5 and the fines were waived, didn't have all the information to complete and forgot to return it, it has been over 30 days. 3316 175<sup>th</sup> and 3344 176<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Farrell states no historical problems and does not object for him to pay today.

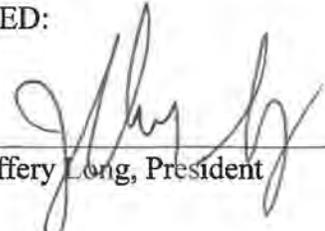
Mr. Ronald Jezuit, Jr. 4927 Ash Ave. Missed the 30 days to pay since he was in jail. And requesting for this to be waived. Nephew will be living in rear apartment and will need to sign an affidavit. Mr. Long states you can pay the \$5.00 today.

Ms. Greenwell reminds the audience of the Veterans Parade on Saturday, November 2, 2024.

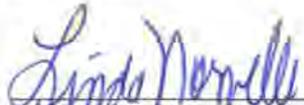
There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Kalina. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

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Jeffery Long, President

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Linda Norville, Board Secretary