

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2024

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, December 5, 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 November 21, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads, Mr. Smith advises that regarding the demolition of 7352 Nebraska, the bid award has been awarded to the next lowest bidder which is Actin in the amount of \$17,904. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1025)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval for a temporary pause to the current hiring list and allow the department to proceed with the emergency hire of certified officers; the approval for Officer Christian Luna be appointed as a probationer member effective December 19, 2024; Officer Ronald Davidson is no longer a Certified Breath Test Operator and shall relinquish his CBO specialty pay effective October 31, 2024; the following Officers Diego Diaz, Jockqujuan Pough, Christopher Walsh, David Markert, Zachary Taylor and Christopher Elkins be promoted to the ranks of Corporal effective December 21, 2024; and the approval for Officers Chad Thompson, Daniel Percak and Gregory Flores to receive K-9 Specialty Pay effective November 6, 2024. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1026)

Correspondence received from Bernard Grisolia, Fire Chief requesting the approval of the resignation of Assistant Chief, Danny Misiak retroactive to November 26, 2024; and the approval of the letter of retirement from Assistant Chief, Edward Lomeli who has served the citizens of Hammond for 35 years effective December 30, 2024. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1027)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$12,680 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Site Development and the 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. 24-1028)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$19,753.44 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Summer Street Reconstruction – and Change Order Nos. 1 through 4 submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1029)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the Kennedy Avenue Reconstruction Change Order No. 2 with no additional costs. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1030)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railroad to allow for a conduit crossing of the NSRR on Kennedy Avenue near 169th Street submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1031)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval for the Board President to execute documents relating to the property taking from Indiana Department of Transportation to purchase approximately 500 square feet of the northwest corner of the Kennedy North Sanitary and Storm Pump Station for the US20/Michigan Street bridge over Kennedy Avenue. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1032)

Correspondence received from Pierogi Drop Chairman, Andy Dybel requesting temporary street closures for the Annual Knights of Columbus Pierogi Drop beginning on December 31, 2024 at 10:30 p.m. until January 1, 2025 at 1:30 a.m. and also requesting 8 barricades. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1033)

Correspondence received from Ruby Hampton, Harrison Park Community Watch Group requesting to the Neighborhood Watch Program signs be replaced with new and clear imaging/verbal signs along Hohman Avenue and State Line with locations attached. Inspector Castro states he is aware of this and the signs need to be replaced. Mr. Smith has concerns as to who is funding as he doesn't think the city should be funding a private organization. Mr. Smith suggested they can apply from the Mayor's Gaming Fund. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve contingent they have a funding source; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1034)

Correspondence received from Enrique Meza, Hammond Optimist Youth Sports, requesting approval for their Opening Day Parade on Saturday, May 3, 2025 starting at 10:00 a.m. with parade route attached. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1035)

Under New Business, Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, Hammond Lodge #51 submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1036)

Agreement to Rehabilitate property located at 5629 Calumet Ave. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and set for status for March 6, 2025; seconded by Mr.

Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1037)

Disposal Authorizations received from Hammond Police Department submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1039)

Request for Late Business License hearing submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for December 19, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1040)

Under Old Business, Late Business License Hearing – Centier, 5433 Hohman Ave. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to continue to December 12, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1041)

Status – 6333 Garfield – Mr. Castro states the contractor passed the exam Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status for March 13, 2025 and order owner to appear and request an interpreter; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 5235 Stateline – Owner appears and states he is almost done except the plumbing. The upstairs is an apartment and the downstairs will remain commercial. Mr. Kearney states the rough inspection has passed. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on January 16, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 251 Detroit – Mr. Smith states at the last haring, the owner was obtaining estimates on plumbing and requests a status. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on January 16, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 2314 Indianapolis – Owner states she is about 75% done and is having problems with the contractor. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on January 16, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 3054 Crane – Mr. Smith shows photos and states nothing has been done and status this will be bid out to demo. The garage is complaint driven. Mr. Jeffery Leonard appears and states he will put a door on it. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on January 16, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - Gas Station Exemption Renewals - 4450 Calumet – Citgo. Mr. Novak states all is complete and has some concerns with the contractor for the sidewalk demo and will need to report back regarding it. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and set for status on February 13, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1042)

5228 Columbia – Citgo – Mr. Novak states the dumpster has an enclosure. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve to open at 3:00 a.m.; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1043)

4508 Calumet – Mr. Novak states all is good. Mr. Castro states the alley needs to be maintained. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1044)

Authority to go to bid on property located at 28-34 Ruth. Mr. Smith states the appeal process has been dismissed and would like to go to bid and will use Community Development grant funds. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. Res. No. 4180 (Ins. No. 24-1045)

Emergency Order to Demolish property located at 940 Field St. Mr. Kearney was approved. Mr. Smith states there is a valid order in 2021, property was bid out, after two years, there are more issues and the property has declined. The Law Department will record and forward a copy to owner who lives in Texas. Acknowledged. (Ins. No. 24-1046)

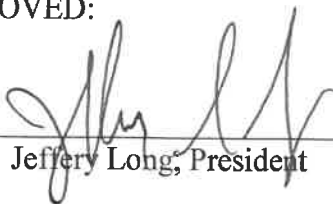
Mr. Smith would like to refer back to 4508 Calumet and inquires about FUSUS. Mr. Long states they are now cooperative but had angles in storage room and other places.

Under Rental Registration - 235 Conkey – and 511 Highland. Mr. Flores states he travels to Mexico and the person he left in charge didn't pay. Mr. Farrell states these are single family homes and 235 Conkey previously had fees waived for 2020/21 and does have a homestead. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee for 511 Highland but assess the late fee for 235 Conkey; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1047)


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 9:57 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary