

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2024

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, December 19, 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 December 12, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under New Business, correspondence received from Bernard Grisolia, Fire Chief recommending the approval of Battalion Chief, Christopher Trtan be promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief effective December 15, 2024. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1058)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the 2024 Lighting Project Contract with Midwestern Electric. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1059)

Correspondence received from American Structurepoint, Inc. recommending the bid for the Memorial Park Redevelopment be awarded to Dyer Construction Company, Inc. who was the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$3,193,818.14. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1060)

Correspondence received from Chris Campbell, Director of Information Technology requesting the approval for the Comcast Business Service Order to install temporary coax internet service at the new Fire Station 2. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1061)

Correspondence received from the Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device license for El Taco Real, Michigan Bar & Grill and American Legion Post 232. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1062)

Under New Business, SeeClickFix – Request for a stop sign at the intersection of the alley and Madison Street. Mr. Button states this is near Madison and 169th St. and will make a recommendation next week for a yield to pedestrian sign. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to refer to Engineering; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1063)

Right of Way Permits (6) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1064)

Plat of the Memorial Park Addition received from Planning Department submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1065)

Under Old Business, status - 1434 Sherman – Mr. Smith states the final inspection is complete and it was rescinded and recorded. No Action.

Status - 30 Warren – Mr. Hernandez appears. Mr. Smith states there was an issue on failure to appear in September and November. Final inspections are complete and Mr. Lewter has requested an order to rescind. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to affirm the request for an order to rescind; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 1463 Indianapolis Blvd. – Owner does not appear. Mr. Farrell states there was a final pass for the building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical. Mr. Smith states there was an order to appear, there is an expired rehab agreement since June. Mr. Smith suggests a short status and requests Inspections to provide final photos this Indianapolis and 30 Warren. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on January 9, 2025 and an Order to Appear; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 847 117th – Mr. Ciers states he had a final inspection on the insulation, permission to begin installing drywall where he could, not covering up any plumbing, needs gas lines to turn on service for heat. Mr. Ciers requests a 90-day continuance. Mr. Kearney requests to call for inspection before the status date. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on March 20, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 6349-51 Jefferson – Mr. Smith states there was an Amended Rehab Agreement that expired December 15th. Mr. Farrell states the bond was posted November 6 and a building permit was pulled and no inspections. Mr. Smiths states it is upsetting that no one is here, gets 90 days to work on it and it takes 2 months pull their bond and permit and requests an order to appear letter out. There is a valid demo order and request inspections let us know if any work has been done by January 9th and if no work has been done, the Board can decide which direction to go. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on January 9, 2025 and order to appear; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 848 Truman – Mr. Smith has been dealing with Attorney Driscoll on this and has received an update by Mr. Castro. Mr. Farrell states the records reflect the bond was submitted in June, mechanical rough passed, building insulation passed, electrical rough and no inspection on the plumbing permits. Mr. Smith states there was a transfer of property in April or May and hasn't heard anything from Rich, no rehab agreement. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on January 9, 2025 and order to appear; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 4919 Pine – Mr. Smith states the rehab agreement has been expired for some time. Mr. Lewter previously stated there were no permits pulled for the interior work done, keep findings and order in place and move to citation with the Inspections Department and set for today for status. Mr. Farrell states there was a building permit pulled however no inspections called in and the plumbing permit that was issued has a pre-pour inspection but no final. Mr. Smith states that a second extension was offered but did not happen. The roof was completed in 2023. Mr. Farrell will check to see if a citation was issued. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on January 9, 2025 and order to appear; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Late Business License – Centier Bank – Mr. Anthony Jones appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1066)

Late Business License – The Hammond Yacht Club – Ms. Michelle Davis appears on behalf of the Board and states they didn't know about this until recently. Mr. Farrell states payment was already made and they had the options up front to file for an appeal or pay the late fees and they elected to pay the late fees due to an audit that they were under and needed the license. This is a retroactive request to refund late fees. Mr. Smith states the Controller's office has requested that the Board hand these. The late payments have already been paid, don't believe as to any factual issue as to whether or not the late payments were owed. They are requesting a refund of late payments that were owed which should have been addressed before the payment. Mr. Long states that since the late fee was paid, the Board doesn't want set a precedence so the Board is inclined to leave as it is. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to deny; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1067)

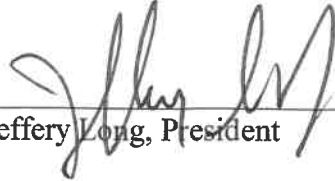
Late Business License – Doggie D'Tails – Mr. Farrell states this appeal was heard back in August, there were 2 years listed as being owed. The Findings had 23 and 24 on it. The Board did waive the late fee but the fees were not paid. They would be owed for 23, 24 and 25 at this point. Mr. Cavillo states his understanding was he came because of the late fees, he already paid the license then they wanted the two years plus late fee, in August he thought the fees and late fees got waived. Received a letter regarding the late fees and the original fees. Mr. Long asked is he is able to pay the \$210 today, owner states he needs at least 30 days. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to grant a waiver of late fees until January 31, 2025 and at that time the late fees will be enforced in full along with payment; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1066)

Under Rental Registration – 6534 Delaware – Owner forgot. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-1068)

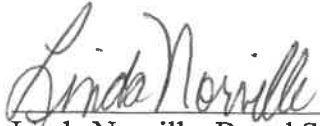
There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Kalina. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:



Linda Norville, Board Secretary