

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2025, 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 meetings of February 20, 2025 and February 27, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Bid Openings, Demolition of 1717-1723 Summer Street:

JM Industrial Services	\$38,000
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Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to Inspections Department and Owana Miller; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 25-4184)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$45,000 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Preliminary Engineering for Citywide Sign Installation and ratifying the Mayor’s signature on the Agreement for Professional Services with First Group Engineering. Mr. Button advises the mayor signed this agreement last week. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-092)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$1,494,585 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the 2024-2 CCMG – Columbia Avenue 167th to Summer Street project and corresponding Agreement for Construction with Milestone Contractors LP. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-093)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$144,465 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Purchase of Four (4) Electric Vehicle Charging Stations from CarbonDay EV Charging. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-094)

Correspondence received from NIES Engineering requesting the Governors Parkway Fence Project be awarded to Hammond Fence Co., Inc. in the amount of \$17,540, which was the lowest, responsive and responsible quote. Mr. Button states they will place two at city hall and Sportsplex. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-095)

Correspondence received from the Controller’s Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device license for Taqueria Los Arandas Inc. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-096)

Correspondence received from Councilman Rakos requesting “no parking signs from here to corner” for the 6800 block of New Hampshire near 169th Street submitted for approval. Mr. Button supports this request. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and forward to Council; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-097)

Under Matters from Board Members, Ms. Green well states the HC3 Parade has been approved through the police department. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-098)

Under New Business, Funding Allocation Request Form requesting \$45,000 of the 3rd District Gaming Fund to be allocated for the FOTL Contribution for 2024 submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-099)

Funding Allocation Request Form requesting \$5,000 of the 6th District Gaming Fund to be allocated for the FOTL Contribution for 2024 submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-100)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 1021 Moss Street submitted for approval. Mr. Kearney advises there was a fire and Ms. Pearl has hired a fire restoration company. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and set for status on May 8, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-101)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 4934 Ash Avenue submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-102)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish property located at 941 Reese Ave. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-103)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish property located at 5426 Wood St. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-104)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish property located at 6946 Arizona Ave. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-105)

Facility Use Agreement with United Neighborhoods, Inc. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-106)

Right of Ways Permits (9) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-107)

Disposable Authorizations received from Hammond Police submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-108)

Request for Late Rental Registration hearing submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for March 27, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-109)

Request for Late Business License hearing submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for March 13, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-110)

Demolition Hearings – Mr. Smith would like to set the record and state that all parties have been notified through certified mail, regular mail, publication with The Times and notice posted on property. These properties all fit the vacant or unsafe building requirement for an order to demolish.

7339 California – Mr. Dylan Fasnacht appears via Zoom, his email is dfasnacht@acaciaamg.com. Mr. Fasnacht would like to pay for a rehab inspection and was also advised there was a homestead exemption on the property that needs to be removed first. Mr. Long advises they will approve the order to start the process. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to affirm the demo order; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-111)

6826-28 Kennedy – Attorney Molina present to represent the owner and states the plans are down State and they are waiting on that in order to move forward and would like to wait to affirm the order. Mr. Smith requests to move forward with the process and advises it won't happen right away and there is time. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to affirm order and set for status on April 10, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-112)

Under Old Business, Status - Gas Station – 4450 Calumet - Mr. Novak states the curb damage was pre-existing and Mr. Button states this will be handled by the sidewalk program. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to affirm the opening hours; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 918 Willow Court – Mr. Lewter that's this should be done within 45 days and waiting on the water line. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on April 17, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 607 State St. – Mr. Paul Garus states they have completed the limestone, windows outside and request 45 days. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on May 8, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 5629 Calumet – Mr. Smith states this has a party wall with 5629 Calumet which is being demolished. Mr. Carlos Vargas states he is concerned with damage in front due to the demolition and would like to work on it after the demo and should have things completed 2 weeks after and requests a new order. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on May 8, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 54 Mason – Mr. Lewter states he will request an Order to Rescind next week. No action.

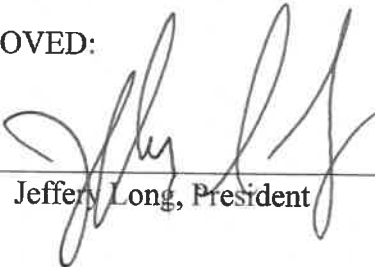
Late Business License Hearing for Hohman Floral, Inc. – Mr. Mark Sterk states this was an oversight. Mr. Smith states the city found that he had not registered in 2016 and 2017. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-113)

Under Late Rental Registration hearings - 946 Murray, 952 Murray, 965 Murray and 3042 Kenwood – Ms. Emma Arroyo appears via Zoom and states this was an oversight. Mr. Farrell states the Board waived the 2021 and 2022 late fee for 946 Murray. Mr. Long states since this has been recent, they are inclined to assess the late fee. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to assess the late fee for 946 Murry for 2024 and waive all others; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-114)

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 9:49 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:



Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:



Linda Norville, Board Secretary