BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2025

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:09 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, 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 meeting of March 6, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval for Officer Bryce Scherwin to receive Evidence Technician Specialty Pay effective March 7, 2025. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-115)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the Funding Allocation Form requesting \$60,000 from Mayor's Gaming Fund, 5th District Gaming Fund and 6th District Gaming Fund to be allocated for the fence project at 3507 171st Street submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-116)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the Amendment to the Grant Agreement between City of Hammond and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-117)

Correspondence received from Rieth-Riley Construction requesting the closure of State Street at Summer Street on or after March 19, 2025 thru May 16, 2025 for the Summer Street Rebuild Project. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-118)

Correspondence received from Korellis Roofing requesting to block off the right lane of Chicago Avenue near the corner of Chicago Avenue and White Oak Avenue for a 4-6 hour duration tentatively the 1st week of April, 2025 to work on Bishop Noll Institute at 1519 Hoffman Street. Mr. Button has no objection. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-119)

Correspondence received from Whiting-Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce requesting to hold their Annual Garage Mahal Event on Saturday, May 17, 2025 and Sunday, May 18, 2025 from 9AM to 4PM on both days with approximately 200 residents participating. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-120)

Under New Business, Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-121)

Right of Way Permits (3) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-122)

Late Business License Hearing – 1 Stop Smoke Shop – Owner Saed Hamad appears and states he turned in the paperwork and payment on time but didn't realize he needed to provide anything additional. Mr. Farrell states there is discrepancy with the State of Indiana regarding the assumed name issue. Mr. Smith advises him to fill out the paperwork for the assumed name Oasis under 1 Stop Smoke Shop and come back. No action. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status for April 3, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-123)

Alvin Cheeks – "no parking this side" street signs on Tapper from Highland to Kenwood. Mr. Cheeks states the new fire engines will not get through and the church does not have a parking lot. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to refer to Engineering; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, Status - 7235-41 Calumet – Mr. Smith has spoken with Attorney Petersen and he approves of the covenant and that the water tap will be removed for 5 years. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status for April 10, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 633 Garfield – Ms. Shannon O'Connell Egan appears as attorney for mortgagee Bank of America to find out what is going on with this situation. Ms. Redfield and Mr. Short appear. Mr. Smith states the Rehab Agreement was signed and has expired and has held off on entering the order and would like to know the plans. Mr. Lewter states no other permits have been issued and exterior has been cleaned up. Ms. Redfield states that Roofing Matters came out and gave them an estimate for the roof. Mr. Smith requests new photos to be taken and confirm if this company is a licensed contractor. Mr. Lewter can meet and email to see what the primary issue is, suggest a trusted licensed contractor and provide updated photos. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on March 27, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 2314 Indianapolis Blvd. Mr. Smith requests a 60 day status. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on May 8, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 5742 Calumet – Mr. Smith would like to get an update from the inspector and request a 3 week status. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set status for April 3, 2025; seconded by

Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Residential parking signs on 173rd Place and 174th Street from Tapper to Calumet. Forward to council. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-124)

Meeting Open to Public – Mr. Sergio Cavillo, Doggie D'Tails appears and requests an extension to pay late fees, he came in on last day and was denied, came in the following week to pay and was advised he now had to pay the late fee. Mr. Long stated that the Board extended him time to pay within 60 days and was very clear about it. Ms. Greenwell advised him he could complete the form down stairs to close his business. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to deny waiving the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

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 9:47 a.m.

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