

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2025

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2025, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Greenwell – present; Mr. Kalina – absent.

Due to the absence of Mr. Kalina, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 13, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Quotes for the Brook Forest/Parrish fence line:

Northwest Indiana Fence	\$47,950
Hammond Fence	\$65,500 excludes tax
Fence Masters	\$67,760

Mr. Button request this be referred to Engineering and consultant for review and recommendation. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to refer to Engineering and consultant; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-125)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Bernard Grisolia, Fire Chief requesting the promotions of Craig Johnson, Michael Anguiano and Samuel Gonzalez from Probationary Firefighters to Private Firefighters retroactive to March 4, 2025. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-126)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$3,920.00 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Environmental Consulting for Contaminated Soil Disposal Reporting from EnviroForensics submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-127)

Correspondence received from Jim Taillon requesting \$44,187.67 of 5th District Gaming Fund to be allocated for the Dowling Park Maintenance submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-128)

Correspondence received from Councilman Rakos requesting no parking any time signs to be placed on both sides of the 6900 and 7000 blocks of Parrish Avenue submitted for approval. Mr. Smith recommends placing temporary signs for 90-days. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve temporary signs for 90 days; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-129)

Correspondence received from Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections requesting the bid award for the 1717-1723 Summer Street demolition project be awarded to JM Industrial Services Inc. in the amount of \$38,000.00 who was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder submitted for approval. Mr. Kearney requests approval as this was the only bidder at a good price. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-130)

Correspondence received from the Police Department approving the request for parades for St. Margaret Mary Church on Friday, April 18, 2025 and Hammond Mohawks on Monday, May 26, 2025 submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-131)

Under New Business, Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement with Hammond Department of Redevelopment for the transfers of numerous properties within the city submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states there are vacant properties that can be placed on the housing projects. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-132)

Disposal Authorizations received from Hammond Police Department submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-133)

Request for Late Business License hearing submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for April 3, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-134)

Right of Way Permits (30) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-135)

Notice of Violation Hearing on property located at 2404 White Oak Avenue. Owner Glen Doering present. Inspector Pajdzik states there was an inspection on the four unit and two areas failed. Inspector states violations are no permits, wall separation, horizontal separation, and requesting to remove the garage apartment and 4th rear unit. Owner states it was like this when he bought it and has no objections. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-136)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish property located at 848 Truman St. submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this has been totally rehabbed. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-137)

Request for Late Rental Registration hearing submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for April 3, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-138)

Under Old Business, Status 847 117th - Mr. Ciers states there has been progress, drywall needs to be inspected, cannot drywall over the gas line and water until water is turned on. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for June 26, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-139)

Status 1430 Stanton. Mr. Jake Grabarczyk advises he is selling the house and six liens have appeared. Mr. Smith advises Mr. Grabarczyk he has an obligation to inform new owner that property is under a demo order, liens should be paid at closing and to provide the new owner's contact information. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on April 24, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. Jose Galvan appears and would like to thank the Mayor and the city for the demolition on Summer Street. Mr. Galvan address the parking of vehicles with illegal plates, improper plates and dealer plates and has information regarding selling of dealer plates, no business license. Mr. Kearney states he will work with the police department and look into this.

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; concurred by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:

Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:

Linda Norville, Board Secretary