

## **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, April 3, 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 27, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Opening Bids, Quotes for the Hammond City Fence Project. Security Door, Inc. - \$118,914; Black Rock Construction - \$114,738; Fence Masters, Inc. - \$58,000. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to Engineering for review and tabulation; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-150)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval of the Petitions for Retirement from Lt. Jeffrey Skuffakiss, who has served the citizens of Hammond for 35 years, Sgt. Anthony Pinarski, who has served the citizens of Hammond for 30 years, and Sgt. Dylan Bartley, who has served the citizens of Hammond for 23 years, all to become effective at the close of business June 30, 2025. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-151)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the INDOT/LPA Agreement with Indiana Department of Transportation for the INDOT Special Highway Safety Improvement Program – Sign Replacement Project – Construction and Construction Engineering in the amount of \$499,500 and authorizing the Board President to electronically sign the Agreement. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-152)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the INDOT/LPA Agreement with Indiana Department of Transportation for the INDOT Special Highway Safety Improvement Program – Sign Replacement Project – Preliminary Engineering in the amount of \$40,500 and authorizing the Board President to electronically sign the Agreement. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-153)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting approval for the Change Order No. 1 for the Kennedy Avenue Road Diet manhole castings in a credit of \$6,607.20. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-154)

Correspondence received from Megan Flores, City Controller requesting the approval for the hourly rate of Smith Sersic for matters associated with their representation effective March 1,

2025. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-155)

Correspondence received from the Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device license for Aurelios Pizza and Just Toni's Bar. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-156)

Under New Business, Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 918 Willow Court submitted for approval. Mr. Smith requests that costs be paid if any before recording. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve contingent upon payment; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-157)

Late Business License Appeal – 1 Stop Smoke Shop. Mr. Hamad appears and states everything is clear with the business name. Mr. Farrell advises he is legal to operate under Smoke Shop. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-158)

Right of Way Permits (2) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-159)

Under Old Business, Status – 51 Webb – Mr. Smith states this was not bid out, new title work had to be performed and would like to have this on the radar and status in two weeks. Mr. Lewter spoke with attorney from House Smart, issues with title, quiet title process now and closing by June. Mr. Smith doesn't have a problem getting them notice so we aren't waiting around and get in touch with Mr. Lewter for a rehab agreement or correct order of demolition against all the proper parties to move forward if needed. This has gone on too long. Neighbor Twayna Lawson appears and has issues regarding the trash. Mr. Lewter will speak with the attorney to maintain property and clean up. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on April 17, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-160)

Status – 5742 Calumet. Mr. Smith reached out to Mr. Kvachkoff who is the attorney for the Trust to find out what the intentions are, work needed on the garage and would like that fixed up. There is an order on the property and request a status. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on May 1, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-161)

505 Mulberry – Mr. Prudenciano Garcia states he received a collection notice regarding apartment. He was helping a homeless friend and allowed him to live in the upstairs and he was able to evict him February 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Garcia has no intentions on renting the upstairs and doesn't have the money to knock down the wall and connect the two floors. Mr. Farrell states there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment. Jordan performed an interior inspection and had an agreement with Mr. Garcia to convert the home to a single family home and has not been performed. Motion by Ms.

Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-162)

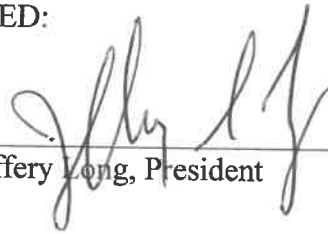
Under Late Rental Registration hearings, 1045 Spruce and 7748 Belmont – Management states there were changes in staffing and a few were overlooked. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee for both properties; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-163)

Under Open to the Public, Mr. Fentress appears regarding 2104 Sherman. Mr. Smith states there was an agreement signed January 1, 2025 but not approved through the Board. A new Agreement will be submitted giving additional time and requests a 90 day status. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for July 10, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-

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 9:28 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:

  
Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:

  
Linda Norville, Board Secretary