

## **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2025, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Greenwell – absent; Mr. Kalina – present.

Due to the absence of Ms. Greenwell, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve the Minutes of the meeting of April 10, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Correspondence, Correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval of Officers Brandon Kerwin and Jesse Hamer to receive ET Specialty Pay effective April 11, 2025; and recommending the following applicants be appointed as probationer members of the Hammond Police Department and to serve their one-year probationary period effective April 17, 2025: Christian Vazquez, Emmanuel Rene Suarez, Michael Romaine Baxton and Devonte Arthego Mapp-Pitts. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-182)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting approval of Change Order No. 2 - Kennedy Avenue Road Diet for soil testing of contaminated material in the amount of \$16,500 which will be credited to the balance of the credit from Change Order No. 1 submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-183)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting approval of Change Order No. 3 – Marble Street Reconstruction in the amount of \$5,097.60 which funding allocation was approved at previous meeting. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-184)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting approval the Agreement for professional services with American Structurepoint in the amount of \$247,400 for the Hammond Downtown Station Platform. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-185)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting approval for the Agreement with Midwestern Electric in the amount of \$170,094 for the 2025 Traffic Signal maintenance Agreement which funding allocation was approved at previous meeting. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-186)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval for the Agreements with Northern Indiana Public Service Company to extend gas and electric service to the

development for Clark Field at no cost to the city and authorizing the City Engineer to electronically sign both agreements. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve and authorize City Engineer to sign; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-187)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of Change Order No. 1 – Clark Field Infrastructure with Egis in the amount of \$298,369.31 for various items. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-188)

Correspondence received from Trevira Alexander, 6142 Noble requesting permission to hold a block party on April 26, 2025 from 2PM – 7PM blocking off the streets Ray & Jennings to Noble and Jennings (1 block) which will not affect residents. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-189)

Matters from Board Members, Mr. Kalina presents the request for Live in the Ville to close Kennedy Avenue on June 6, 2025 from 11AM until midnight and requesting 10 barricades. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve and forward to the Police Department and EMA; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-190)

Under New Business, Contract for Demolition Services with JM Industrial Services, Inc. for 1717-1723 Summer Street in the amount of \$38,000.00 submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this will come from the CBDG funds. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-191)

Right of Way Permits (4) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-192)

Request for Rental Registration hearings submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for May 1 and May 8, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-193)

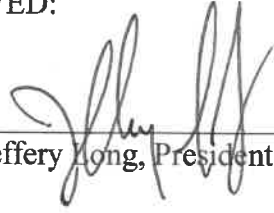
Under Old Business, Status 51 Webb – Mr. Smith provides photos and states the tax sale redemption will be later this year and will need to provide notice to the current owner. Ms. Lawson states she is looking for a solution. Mr. Smith suggests Mr. Kearney provide a 10-day notice to clean up the yard. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on May 1, 2025 and provide a 10-day notice and contract out; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status 918 Willow Court – Mr. Lewter states this was rehabbed. No action.

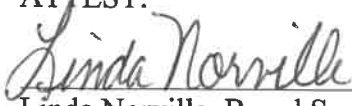
There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Kalina to adjourn; concurred by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:

  
Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:

  
Linda Norville, Board Secretary