

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2025

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, May 8, 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.

Under Bid Openings, Erie Lackawanna Trail – Repaving

Rieth Riley Construction Co.	\$1,081,454.40
Site Services	\$ 997,250.00
Milestone Construction North, Inc.	\$ 561,845.00 / Alt.#1 \$365,948.88

Mr. Button states there is a base bid and alternate and request this be referred to the consultant. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to refer to Engineering and consultant; concurred by Mr. Long. Res. No. 25-4186

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$9,595.76 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the replacement of an existing manhole found to be in poor condition on the Stateline Road closures and corresponding Change Order No. 3 submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-222)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$32,208.33 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the median modification on Florida Avenue at Orchard Drive and corresponding recommendation to award the project to J&J Newell Concrete who was the lowest, responsive and responsible quoter in the amount of \$32,208.33. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-223)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$265,000.00 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the 2025 Annual Resurfacing Program – Supplemental submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-224)

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 Memorial Park at no cost to the city and authorizing the City Engineer to electronically sign both agreements. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-225)

Correspondence received from NIES Engineering, Inc. recommending the Hammond City Fence Project be awarded to Fence Masters, Inc. who was the lowest, responsive and responsible

quater in the amount of \$58,000 and the Funding Allocation Request Form requesting \$15,540 from Mayor's Gaming Fund submitted for approval. Mr. Button states this is for the second phase. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-226)

Correspondence received from 1st District Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting one-way street signs on Lincoln Avenue leaving the alleys and requesting additional one-way signs on Lincoln Avenue between Myrtle and Pearl Avenue. Mr. Kalwinski states he is requesting them to be on Lincoln as you leave the alley. Mr. Button requests this be sent to Engineering. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina forward to Engineering; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-227)

Correspondence received from Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device license for Just 1 More and Billy Bear Bar & Grill. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-228)

Correspondence received from New Zion Temple Church requesting to block off Tapper Street from the corner of Merrill St. to the corner of Morris St. on June 14, 2025 from 9AM – 5PM for their outside community event. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-229)

Correspondence received from Paul Gross, 847 Wilcox St., requesting speed bumps on the block. Mr. Button states he sent a request to HPD for speed safety study and requests this be sent to Engineering. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to forward to Engineering and Police Department; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-230)

Correspondence received from Leon Wolek requesting permission for road closures on Sunday, June 1, 2025 from 7:30 AM to 12:00 noon for the annual triathlon with attached streets. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25- 231)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Kalina presents an Addendum from Sanitary to be included in the EAP at no cost to the city. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-232)

Under New Business, Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 6349-51 Jefferson St. submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-233)

Contract for Demolition Services with JM Industrial Services for: 1305 171st for \$9,000, 1037 Ames for \$10,200, 4208 Hohman Ave. for \$11,900, 6349-6351 Jefferson (rear) for \$11,900, 1170 Sibley for \$10,800, 5661 Sohl Ave. for \$18,300; 944 State St. for \$12,200 and 5426 Wood St. (garage) for \$3,800 submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-234)

Notice to Owners of Affected property known as 600 177th Street and 626 177th Street submitted for signature. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-235)

Request for Rental Registration hearing submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for May 22, 2025 and May 29, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-236)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-237)

Disposal Authorizations received from Hammond Police Department submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-238)

Right of Way Permits (5) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-239)

Joint Use Maintenance Agreement with INDOT regarding the bridge widening of Michigan over Kennedy submitted for approval. Mr. Button states NIRPSC and city are cooperating on widening the bridge to accommodate a bike path on the north side of the bridge. The city will share the local match portion with the city of East Chicago and will need an intergovernmental agreement to pay for the 20% match of the bridge widening. Mr. Button has reviewed the agreement. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-240)

Under Old Business, Status on Notice of Violation for property located at 1620 Indianapolis Blvd. Inspector Pajdzik states we have a signed deed restriction to be recorded for the 2nd floor and basement apartment and requests the Board's approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 1021 Moss – Mr. Smith states this is under a rehab agreement that expires June 1, 2025 and was set for today for an update. Mr. Lewter states the fire damage was removed and gutted the main floor, was torn down and build from the ground up and will be a single-family home and requests another rehab extension. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on August 14, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 5629 Calumet Ave. – Mr. Smith states this has a party wall with 5627 which has been demolished. Owner Carlos Vargas wants to rehab. Mr. Lewter states the roof has been finished, rear brick has been replaced, starting front brick this week and thinks it will be done in 60-90 days. Mr. Smith would like to have a new rehab agreement. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status for August 14, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 2314 Indianapolis Blvd. – Mr. Smith states the property is being rehabbed and requests an additional 60 days. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on July 17, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 607 State - Mr. Paul Garus appears. Mr. Smith states there has been significant progress on the outside and presents photos. Mr. Garus states the outside is finished, needs new garage doors and front door. Mr. Garus will start working on the inside, the plan is to have a coffee shop and doesn't have a completion date but the doors can be done in 2-3 weeks. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on August 14, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Late Rental Registration Hearings, Inspector Jordan Polak present. 4006 Torrence – Owner not present. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to assess the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-241)

5717 Baring (2) – Owner present. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-241)

2122 Atchison (2), 1746 Lake and 1318 Stanton - Owner present. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-241)

6404 Kennedy (4) Owner present. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-241)

5624 Walter (4) – Owner not present. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to assess the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-241)

7532 Montana – Property manager present. Owner present. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-241)

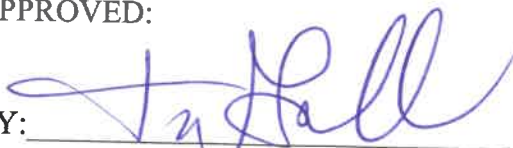
7112 California Ave. – Owner present. Mr. Polak states the homestead needs to be filled out. Ms. Garcia translates for owner. There is much confusion as to the understanding of the homestead. Mr. Smith suggests owner come to the Law Department next Thursday at 8:30 a.m. for Adrian to explain. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to continue to May 15, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

1615-17 Myrtle, 1631 Myrtle – Owner present. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-241)

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 9:57 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Tinisha Grenwell, Vice President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary