

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2025

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:07 a.m. on Thursday, June 5, 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 May 29, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police recommending the suspension of an officer for a period of 30 days without pay, be demoted from the rank of Detective Sergeant and relinquish detective specialty pay for an incident that occurred on May 9, 2025 submitted for approval. The recommendation for suspension and demotion is noted. Pursuant to Ind. Code 36-8-3-4 (c), before a member of the police department may be suspended without pay in excess of five days, demoted or dismissed, the officer is offered an opportunity for a hearing. Motion to send notice of right to Mr. Elkmann. Mr. Smith states the motion is to request that the correspondence for notice of hearing be sent to Mr. Elkmann. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. Mr. Long abstains from vote. (Ins. No. 25-289)

Correspondence received from Bernard Grisolia, Fire Chief requesting the approval of the request for retirement from EMT, Xavier Becerra, who has served the citizens of Hammond for 30 years, 2 months and 20 days effective June 3, 2025. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-290)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$50,000 of CIB Funding to be allocated for General Engineering Services with First Group to perform various tasks and assignments for the Engineering Department and corresponding Agreement with First Group submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-291)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$175,935.01 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Memorial Park Construction Engineering Services and corresponding Agreement with American Structurepoint submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-292)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$882,689.96 of CIB Funding which represents the 20% local match to be allocated for the Hohman Avenue Complete Streets – Russell Street to Douglas Street project and approval for the Board President to electronically sign and approve the Agreement. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-293)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$165,792.45 of CIB Funding which represents the 20% local match to be allocated for the purpose of widening the US20/Michigan Street Bridge over Kennedy Avenue with 80% funding by NIRPC and the FHWA with the City of Hammond being the designated local sponsor. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-294)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of Change Order No. 3 – Kennedy Avenue Road Diet in the amount of \$18,035.68 for additional subgrade treatment which previous savings to the project covers the cost of the added cement. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-295)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval from the request of Indiana Harbor Belt to close their crossing at Stateline north of Willow Court starting on June 13, 2025 at 6:00 AM to June 17th, 2025 at 6:00 AM. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-296)

Correspondence received from resident Kambria Heath, 3816 Robinhood Lane requesting to hold a 4th of July block party closing Ohio Avenue from 173rd St. to the Robinhood Lane from 5:00 PM to 11:30 PM. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve with the stipulation it ends at 10:00 PM; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-297)

Correspondence received from Tamara Bunch, 1106 Drackert requesting to block off the corner of Drackert and Howard to the alley for a birthday party on June 7, 2025 from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25- 298)

Correspondence received from David Mika, South Shore Arts requesting to block a portion at 435 Fayette Street, east of the Banc Apartments' parking lot to the west of the new tracks on June 14, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM to host the "Entrepreneurship for Creatives" event in conjunction with the Hammond Development Corporation. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-299)

Correspondence received from Calumet College of St. Joseph, requesting permission to close Gaspar Avenue on July 24, 2025 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM for their annual Pierogi 5K Stumble. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-300)

Correspondence received from Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device license for Good Times Charles, Maywood Civic Club and Area 504 Nightclub LLC. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-301)

Correspondence received from resident Harvey Smee, 6226 Van Buren Ave., requesting a 4 way stop sign at Conkey and Van Buren intersection. Mr. Button states he is taking a look at it and doesn't think it warranted. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-302)

Under Matters from Board Members, Ms. Greenwell presents an Agreement with Harley Davidson and the Police Department to renew the lease. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-303)

Under New Business, Funding Allocation requesting \$20,000 of 1st District Gaming Fund to be allocated for the Hermits Park Upgrades submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-304)

Funding Allocation requesting \$20,000 of 4th District Gaming Fund to be allocated for the 2025 Resurfacing Program submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-305)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish and Release of Demo Lien for property located at 7352 Nebraska submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-306)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 1037 Ames St. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and set for status on September 4, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-307)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 7339 California Ave. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and set for status on September 4, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-308)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 944 Murray St. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and set for status on August 7, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-309)

Disposal Authorizations received from Hammond Police Department submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-310)

Right of Way Permits (5) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-311)

Request for Rental Registration hearing submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for June 26, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-312)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-313)

Notice of Violation for Property located at 1247 Lakeview Ave. Inspector Pajdzik completed an inspection on April 23, 2025 and found 2 units lacking fire separation, no permits for rear and basement apartments. Owner is aware and is cooperative. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to affirm; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-314)

Under Old Business, Status 5217 Hohman Ave. – Mr. Smith states this was an emergency repair order and would like to keep this on a short status we by week. The city does have a demo order. Mr. Bolchis agrees to secure the panels by the company who placed them and they will start the work soon. Mr. Smith states no work has been done yet and would like to supply proof of liability insurance on the property. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status next week, June 12, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 251 Detroit – Ms. De La Paz advises the property has been cleaned up outside, needs windows and paint by a friend and should be done by the end of July. Mr. Smith suggests she can get a homeowners permit. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set status for July 31, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 1563 177th St. – Mr. Rhodes appears and states he had demo'd to the studs, he will require all new permits and will have no problem with the permits and will check into the bond by Mr. Torres. Mr. Smith states Mr. Torres flipped the house and has a bond on the old rehab and has questions with assigning the bond over. Mr. Rhodes will need a new rehab and able to obtain permits. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set status for June 26, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Rental Registration Hearings, 3 Waltham – No one appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to impose the late fee for 2024 and 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-315)

7240 Harrison – Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-315)

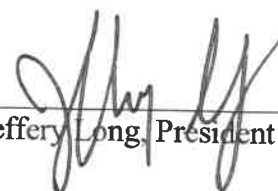
7107 Alexander. Co-manager appears. There is a homestead exemption on the property. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-315)

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Inspector Jordan requests the rental registrations be set to July 3, 2025. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to rescind her previous date and schedule the rental registration hearings to July 3, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-312)

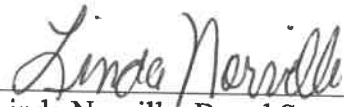
There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Kalina. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary