

## **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 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 June 12, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Bid Openings, Quotes – Guard Rail for Howard and Ridge

Specialties Company, LLC    \$18,500

Motion by Mr. Greenwell to refer to consultant; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-342)

Quotes – Signing and Striping for Willow and State

Hawk Enterprises        \$7,100

HighStar                 \$6,072

Motion by Mr. Greenwell to refer to consultant; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-342)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval of the following officers to be promoted to the rank of 1st Class Patrolman: Jonathan Reichelt, Chantey Taylor Payne, Samuel Valdez, Jacob Hood and James Armstrong, all with pay adjustments to be made effective July 11, 2025. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-343)

Correspondence received from Bernard Grisolia, Fire Chief requesting the following promotions and reassignments: Paramedic Alexander Belligio to be reassigned to the rank of Private, effective June 17, 2025; EMT Ruben Gonzales to be promoted to the rank of Paramedic effective June 17, 2025; Private Michael Anguiano to be promoted to the rank of EMT effective June 18, 2025 and Private Samuel Gonzalez to be promoted to the rank of EMT effective June 17, 2025. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-344)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval for the request from Indiana Harbor Belt to close Indianapolis Blvd. at the IHB railroad crossing starting on June 30, 2025 to July 4, 2025 submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-345)

Correspondence received from Dean Button advising that INDOT will be closing Willow Court under Calumet Avenue for two weeks for bridge painting beginning June 23, 2025. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-346)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$56,744.51 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Little Calumet River Trail Pedestrian Bridge Project – Change Order No. 1 and corresponding Change Order. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-347)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$20,000.00 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Grand Avenue Pedestrian Bridge and the corresponding professional service agreement with Crawford Murphy and Tilly. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-348)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$9,980.00 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Regrade Swale on JF Mahoney Drive and corresponding professional service agreement with NIES Engineering. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-349)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$35,167.00 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Traffic Signal at Sportsplex – Change Order No. 1 with Milestone Contractors North, LLC and corresponding Change Order. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-350)

Correspondence received from Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device license for McGings Pub & Grub. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-351)

Correspondence received from Ron Novak requesting the approval of the Proposed License Agreement Renewal with Do-All Village, Inc. and its representative, EnviroForensics, LLC granting access to city property adjacent to 837 Hoffman St. to monitor the soil and groundwater. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-352)

Correspondence received from Brian Miller, Director of Public Safety, Purdue University Northwest requesting permission to have outdoor music on August 20-22, 2025 for their "move in day activities" until 10:00 PM with police presence. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-353)

Correspondence received from resident Armando Alvarado, 1150 Truman Street requesting to place a street sign or paint the concrete next to the driveway due to cars blocking is ability to pull in and out of his driveway. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to forward to Public Works;

seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-354)

Correspondence received from Jasmine Diaz, 4827 Pine Ave. requesting to block the street on July 4, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight with signatures attached. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve until 10:00 PM; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-355)

Correspondence received from Trina Lee-Schultz, 904 Cherry St., requesting to block off the street of Rhode Avenue for a birthday party on July 12, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. with the signature of only one resident it would affect. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-356)

Correspondence received from New Community Baptist Church requesting street closure of Madison Street between 169th and Cherry St. for their Family Fund Festival with setting up from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on July 26, 2025. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-357)

Correspondence received from Raquel Welch, Woof Lake Pavilion Coordinator requesting approval to hold a commercial firework display on Thursday, July 3, 2025 on the island of Wolf Lake Memorial Park beginning at approximately 10:30/11:00 pm. The vendor Will be Mad Bomber Fireworks Productions. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-358)

Correspondence received from Jolene Deoyos requesting to block the 4400 block of Baltimore on July 4, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. with signatures attached. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-359)

Under New Business, Demolitions Hearings – Mr. Smith sets the record that notice was given to each of the properties by certified mail, regular mail, publication and posting. Proper notice was given and requesting to affirm the orders under the Unsafe Building Act.

6740 Indianapolis Blvd. (Popeye's) – No one appears. Mr. Smith presents updated photos. There was a fire about a year ago and nothing has happened on this property since that time, remains vacant and in disrepair, gas meter pinned and water shut off since the fire and requests this be affirmed. Mr. Lewter has spoken with the co-compliance/legal person for Popeye's corporate. There has been a contractor in to do some work on the property and recommends to enter order and keep on a short status. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to affirm the order and set for status on August 7, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-360)

4913 Pine (garage only) - No one appears. Mr. Smith presents photos and requests order to be affirmed. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to affirm the order; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-361)

3828 Torrence Ave. (garage only) – Mr. Smith presents photos. This was a self-demolition and requests to dismiss. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to dismiss; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

6918 Van Buren Ave. (garage only) – Mr. Smith presents photos, request to affirm the demo order. Mr. Delgado present and states he is looking into self-demolish in approximately one week. Mr. Long states we will not enter the order but will set in two works to confirm the work was completed. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to take no action and set for status on July 10, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Notice of Violation Hearing – 4126 Towle Ave. (rear house) - Inspector Pajdzik states there as an inspection and found rear house had a studio basement apartment with various violations and requests the Board affirm the removal. Property Boss is in the process of removing. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to affirm the order; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-362)

SeeClickFix- requesting the neighborhood watch sign in front of 7406 Olcott be replaced with children at play sign. Mr. Button has no objections. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-363)

Funding Allocation Request Form requesting \$20,000 of the 3rd District Gaming Fund to be allocated for the Park Gaming Fund 2449 FOTL and \$25,000 of the 3rd District Gaming Fund to be allocated for the tree removal in the 3rd District submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-364)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish property located at 4626 Johnson Ave. submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-365)

First Extension of Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 607 State St, submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve, vacate the previous status and set for status on September 11, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-365-A)

Agreement with DBR Construction LLC (Jeff Callahan) regarding certain demolition liens on properties located at 7726 Belmont Ave., 7618 Alexander Ave., 3701 177th Pl., and 2619 167th St. submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-366)

Right of Way Permits (9) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-367)

Request for Rental Registration hearing and Late Business License hearing submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to set for July 3, 2025 and July 10, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-368)

Disposal Authorization received from the Police Department submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-369)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-370)

Under Old Business, Status – 6333 Garfield – Mr. Smith states the fence and window resolved. Ms. Redfield states the will have it painted by Ivan Roofing for \$7,500. Mr. Smith believes that might be to high and suggested a second opinion. Status should be set to complete the window and painting. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on August 7, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 4934 Ash – Mr. Smith requests an order to appear to be sent. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on July 10, 2025 and send an order to appear; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 847 117<sup>th</sup> - Mr. Smith requests an order to appear to be sent. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on July 10, 2025 and send an order to appear; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 6826-28 Kennedy – Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on July 17, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 1563 177th St. – Mr. Rhodes will assume the rehab and set for status. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on August 7, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Rental Registration Hearings, 4326 Elm St. - Owner appears via Zoom. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-371)

Meeting Open to the Public, Manager from 3 Witham received a fine and has proof that the payment was made. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to change previous ruling due to compliance

with receipt; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

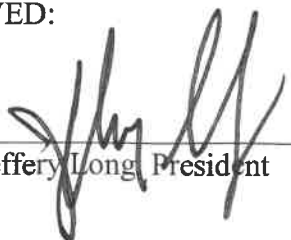
Ms. Wilkerson, 6931 Jackson appears and doesn't want the street closure for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, no one was notified until Friday and has signatures of other residence who do not want this. She has plans, neighbors have plans and had no idea this was going on until Friday. Mr. Long states a list that people don't want and signatures that do want it, there are a couple address that are the same. Ms. Cameron stated she reach out to city and followed the instructions she was given. Did not tell her she needed signatures beforehand. Was notified to let her know it would probably be appealed today and to obtain signatures. Wanted street closed for extra safety, more kids on block, friends over with little ones. This was not to be rude or upset neighbors that she didn't get signatures beforehand. Mr. Long asks is there is a compromise here and signatures are not required but preferred. We are just trying to find a way that is safe for you and also convenient for people to need to get to their house. Mr. Smith would like to accommodate everyone's desire to have a good time on the 4<sup>th</sup>, have fun, not have issues. It's tough because you both live across the street from each other. July 4<sup>th</sup> is a challenge around the city, several streets are blocked off but the majority are not blocked off. Not sure what the middle ground here is. Mr. Long states that it doesn't sound like it and that some addresses are the same on both. There are more signatures against than there are for with 2 or 3 addresses that are the same. Mr. Long states there doesn't look like there is a compromise today and signatures on both so doesn't feel they can grant the permission for it. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to amend the prior approval to close the 6900 block of Jackson and deny the request based on the information presented today; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-372)

Ms. Sanchez, 3828 Torrence questions if she can leave the area open, or do they have to fence it? Mr. Smith advises she would need to get a permit downstairs for a fence and you would need to check with Mr. Castro about keeping concrete pad for parking or some other use.

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 10:08 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:

  
Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:

  
Linda Norville, Board Secretary