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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF JULY 3, 2025

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, July 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 June 26, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting Michael Gallardo be appointed as a probationary member and to serve his one year probationary period effective June 26, 2025; Officer Ariel Alvarez-Ortega to receive ET Specialty Pay effective June 27, 2025; Officer Brandon Kerwin is no longer performing the duties of Evidence Technician and will relinquish his ET Specialty pay effective June 27, 2025; and Correctional Officer Aleksander Jovanoski is now eligible to receive the promotional raise due to him effective July 1, 2025. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-373)

Correspondence received from F.H. Paschen requesting permission to temporary shift the eastbound lane 1 on 165th Street underneath the pedestrian bridge to shift into lane 2 for 10-20 minutes to perform grounding work on the pedestrian bridge. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-374)

Correspondence received from Aileen Ibarra, Special Events Coordinator requesting approval for the commercial firework display on July 18 and July 19, 2025 at the Annual Festival of the Lakes on the island of Wolf Lake Memorial Park beginning approximately 10:30/11 P.M. on both nights. The vendor will be Mad Bomber Fireworks Production. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-375)

Correspondence received from Aileen Ibarra, Special Events Coordinator requesting approval for a pyrotechnic display on Friday, July 19, 2025 during Akon's performance at the Festival of the Lakes beginning approximately at 9:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. and also approving the Indiana Homeland Security - Fireworks Display Permit needed for signature from the Fire Chief. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-375)

Correspondence received from Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device license for American Legion Victory Post #168, Tom's Billiards/Rhims Pool Hall, Frankie V's Bar & Grill, Porter's Tap, and Sokol Club #269. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-376)

Correspondence received from Felix Gonzalez, Director of Public Works requesting permission for the destruction of the following vehicles: Asset #8073 – 1998 John Deere Hi Lift and Asset #10527 – 2016 Elgin Sweeper. Mr. Smith states these are considered worthless and recommends a motion to declare they are worthless. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to declare no value and are worthless; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-377)

Correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting permission to dispose of an obsolete portable message board manufactured by Wanco, Inc., Model No. WT2LX-R. Mr. Smith states this is considered worthless and recommends a motion to declare worthless. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to declare no value and is worthless; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-378)

Correspondence received from St. John the Baptist requesting permission to adjust four double headed street lamps near the steeple and replace with new LED fixtures, focus on the steeple. Hyre Electric will complete the work at the expense of the church. Mr. Smith states the globes were removed and restored without permission of the city. Request to the city will give notice and to have proper storage of the globes that were being removed. If any other situations arise, it should come through the Board. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and notify how to handle these matters moving forward; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-379)

Correspondence received from The Salvatorian Fathers requesting to hold their Marian Pilgrimage on Saturday, August 9, 2025 through the city with attached route and the approval from the Hammond Police Department. Mr. Smith states this was also approved by the Park Board. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-380)

Correspondence received from Anastacia Fratto requesting Fayette St. to be closed from Hohman to the alley on July 30, 2025 for the grand opening/ribbon cutting event from 4:30 -7:30 p.m. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-381)

Correspondence received from Yasmin Garcia-Hernandez, 6139 Garfield Ave., requesting to block the street on July 4, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. with signatures attached. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve until 10:00 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-382)

Correspondence received from Ana Granados, 4438 Hickory Ave., requesting to block the street for a birthday party on July 5, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. to end of party with signatures provided. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve until 10:00 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-383)

Correspondence received from Sandra Harris, Little Einstein Academy Daycare Center requesting to block 504 Conkey St. from the corner to the alley on August 23, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. for a back to school event. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-384)

Correspondence received from Tom Dabertin, requesting temporary street closures for the CBS Pierogi Fest Parade with attached route and requests along with Hammond Police Department approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-385)

Correspondence received from Kaitlyn Cameron, 6932 Jackson Ave., requesting consideration for alternative safety accommodations as follows: temporary speed bumps or traffic cushions, event warning signage at 169th and 170th, temporary roadway narrowing cones or barriers, permission to place safety cones or delineators at the curb in front of her home, deployment of a speed radar trailer from July 3 – 5, 2025. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to deny; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-386)

Under New Business, Late Business License Hearing – NIES Engineering. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-387)

Funding Allocation Request Form requesting \$25,000 of 6th District Gaming Fund, \$20,000 of 6th District Gaming Fund and \$5,000 of 6th District Gaming Fund to be allocated to Park Gaming fund for Festival of the Lakes submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-388)

Right of Way Permits (3) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-389)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-390)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-391)

Under Rental Registration Hearings, EMP Properties, LLC (18) – Office administration appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fees; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-392)

2033 Calumet – Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fees; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-382)

230 Conkey, 6631-33 Meadow Lane – Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fees for both properties; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-382)

6808 Carolina Ave. – Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fees; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-382)

Meeting Open to the Public, Ms. Kaitlyn Cameron, 6932 Jackson and is curious to know why the city is not working with her on any safety measures for the 4th of July. Mr. Long states they cannot supply that amount of stuff for every person. Ms. Cameron states these were options. Mr. Long states the street closure has been denied. Ms. Greenwell stated she looked over the signatures and there were signatures from a block over but were notated that they also park and use the entrance is on Jackson as well. Mr. Long states that the part of not advising you regarding signatures had no affect on the decisions.


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