

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2025

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, July 10, 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 July 3, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Bid Opening - Demolition of Properties: 4712 Hohman, 6810 Kennedy Avenue and 6833 Kennedy Avenue.

JM Industrial Services	\$44,800
C. Lee Construction Services	\$188,000

Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to forward to Inspections for review; concurred by Mr. Long. Res. No. 25-4193

Under Matters from Other Department Heads, Mr. Smith would like to take 7235-41 out of order. Mr. Smith states there is progress on the property and would like to continue 30 days. Attorney Petersen concurs. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on August 7, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police recommending Kristen Alamillo and Zachary Anderson be appointed as Probationer members and to serve their one year probationary period effective July 10, 2025. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-393)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$29,190 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Kennedy Road Diet – Change Order No. 4 – Subgrade Treatment at Oil Pipelines. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-394)

Correspondence received from Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device license for El Taco Real, Chuck & Irene's, Dick's R U Crazy, Inc. and Flat Rock Tap. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-395)

Correspondence received from First Baptist Church of Hammond requesting to close off a portion of Oakley Street from Sibley Street to Willow Court and a portion of State Street from 8:00 a.m. on July 14 until 11:00 p.m. July 17, 2025 for their annual Youth Conference. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-396)

Correspondence received from New Zion Temple Church requesting to have a parade on August 2, 2025 starting at noon and requesting fire trucks and police cars in the parade with attached alternate parade route and approval from the Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-397)

Correspondence received from Ron Novak requesting the approval of the Proposed License Agreement Renewal with American Smelting and Refining Company, and its representatives, Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc. granting access to city property located at 1200 and 1300 blocks of Lakeview Avenue to conduct environmental monitoring. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-398)

Correspondence received from Guadalupe Ramirez, 2117 Stanton, asking for guidance as to her guests access to parking as she will be hosting a celebration at her home on July 18, 2025 and was told the streets will be closed or partially blocked. Mr. Smith suggest they work out with the Police Department with stamped guess passes. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to forward to Police Department for guest passes; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-399)

Correspondence received from Dayspring Ministries requesting to block off Maywood Street between Sibley and State on August 23, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for their annual Back to School rally. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-400)

Correspondence received from House of Healing Kingdom Tabernacle requesting to block off Highland Street between Blaine and Harrison and the corner of Blaine/Highland to the alley on August 23, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for their Back to School event. Discussion on how much of Highland Street to block off. No action. Set for July 17, 2025 (Ins. No. 25-401)

New Business, Funding Allocation Request Form requesting \$10,000 of the 5th District Gaming Fund and \$50,000 of the 2nd District Gaming Fund to be allocated for the Park for FOTL submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-402)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish property located at 7247-49 Indianapolis Blvd. submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-403)

Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement with Hammond Redevelop Commission to transfer property located at 6244, 6248 and 6252 Hohman Avenue submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-404)

Agreement with CSG Vending Service and Hammond Public Works submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-405)

One Year License Agreement with Cue for Fan See Software submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-406)

Right of Way Permits (33) received from Engineering submitted for approval.
Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-407)

Request for Rental Registration hearing submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for July 24, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-408)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-409)

Old Business, Status – 90-day temporary “no parking” signs on both sides of the 6900 and 7000 blocks of Parrish Ave. Mr. Button has no objection making it permanent.
Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long.

Demolition of 6918 Van Buren (garage only) The owner wants to self-demolish.
Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on August 7, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 51 Webb – The tax sale purchaser states he will take care of the grass and was advised by his attorney not to remove the shed. Mr. Smith states the city has a demolition order. Tax sale purchaser states he will go against his lawyer and knock down. Mr. Smith states the city cannot advise him on what to do. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on August 14, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 5217 Hohman – Owner states he was waiting to get the temporary license which they just got issued and meeting them today to go over what they are securing. Owner is Discovery Investments and aware there is a demolition order on the property. Mr. Smith also mentioned he received an inquiry from Anne Taylor who has not received any plan for the owners, the next step is bidding out the demolition so it's in their best interest to move quickly to get the plan to Redevelopment to see if even feasible. Owner knows they can save it and is working with a couple investors and bring back to life as an office building. Mr. Smith suggests he update Ms. Taylor and make sure the investor sees the Americo report. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on July 31, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 2104 Sherman – Owner Mr. Fentress appears via Zoom. Mr. Lewter states the outside has not changed, permits for electric, HVAC and plumbing. HVAC is the only inspection done, no permits to do any interior or exterior work, garage is falling in. Mr. Fentress states he has been fixing the inside, a contractor is ready to start but wasn't able to pull permits until a few weeks ago. Mr. Long questions the outside due to it being very unsightly to the neighbors. Mr. Fentress states he cut the trees down last year but they are growing and he hasn't been over there in the last couple weeks. He has someone cutting the grass every two weeks. Mr. Lewter advises Mr. Fentress cannot do the work inside the house without a licensed contractor. Waiting to get an inspection until the electric and plumbing is complete. Needs a new rehab agreement. Mr. Lewter suggests a rehab agreement, interior permit pulled and roughs on the current open to be done by next hearing. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on August 14, 2024, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 6349-51 Jefferson – No owner. Mr. Bill requests a status date.
Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on August 28, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 4934 Ash – Owner Mr. Jackson, waiting on contractor to finish.
Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on August 7, 2025 concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 847 117th – Michael Trianna. Mr. Ciers is unavailable today. Did not get photos, most drywall is up beyond 85%, all gas ready for NIPSCO. Mr. Ciers' other property caught fire so he has financial issues and more on this plate. Goal is to get an HVAC contractor to the library, drywall will be complete, he will be doing the plumbing himself. NIPSCO will come for reconnect, lawn was cut and plan to keep moving forward and ask to be able to continue. Mr. Smith wants to keep it moving. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on September 11, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

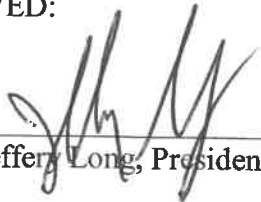
Under Rental Registrations hearings, 1336 ½ Lake Ave. – Owner appears.
Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-410)

Under Meeting Open to the Public, owner of 1803 Brown appears and stated NIPSCO states there is no room to move meter. Mr. Button states he has reached out to NIPSCO but has not heard back. Owner states the guard rail was fixed, she is putting new siding on the house and someone suggested a cement pole if the city could possibly at the end of the alley. The meter will be replaced. Mr. Long is not sure whose responsibility it would be to put up something. Mr. Kalina stated they will have someone from the building department to look into it and give her information to Bill and we contact her once there is a resolution. Mr. Button states the guardrail is the higher standard of care. Mr. Long states hopefully when the city talks with Strack's, they can make some change or concessions and the contact her.

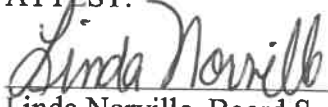
There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Kalina to adjourn; concurred by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary