

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2025

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, July 17, 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 July 10, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Bid Openings - Demolition of Properties: 4934 Ash Ave., 4831 Columbia Ave., 617-619 Gostlin St. (front), 5217 Hohman Ave., and 964 Summer St. a/k/a 5614 Howard.

Liberty Property Management	\$159,000
JM Industrial Services	\$559,650

The Non-Collusion Affidavit was not signed from Liberty Property but was completed and returned to the board secretary. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to refer to Inspections for review and tabulation; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Quotes: Kennedy Avenue and US 20 Lighting Relocations.

Hawk Enterprises	\$32,147.75
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Motion by Ms. Greenwell to refer to NIES Engineering; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-411)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval for Change Order No. 25 – Adjustment of Bid Items to Final Quantity from American Structurepoint for the Homan Avenue project which nets a decrease of \$211,968.97 submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-412)

Correspondence received from Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device license for Flo's Kenwood Tap, Delicias Elita, National Entertainment Network, LLC (Food 4 Less and Subway), Flights Taproom & Whiskey Lounge, Loyal Order of Moose #570 and Old Glory Tavern. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-413)

Correspondence received from Whiting Lions Club requesting permission to replace/upgrade four (4) "Robertsdale" signs on 119th Street and Calumet Ave. at no cost to the city. Mr. Smith recommends the forward to city planner for review. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and forward to city planner; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

(Ins. No. 25-414)

Correspondence received from Regional Health Clinic requesting to block off State Street from Sohl to the library entrance on August 6, 2025 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for their annual block party celebrating National Health Center Week. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-415)

Correspondence received from Laurie Czulno and Lisa Miller requesting to block off Forest Avenue between 7123 and 7045 on September 7, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. for their bi-annual block party. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-416)

Correspondence received from Lucy Gamez, 4409 Towle Ave. and Nicole Martinez, 4026 Johnson Ave. requesting yellow paint at their driveway entrances due to people blocking driveway. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to refer to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-417)

Correspondence received from residence of the 800 block of Conkey requesting to hold a block party on July 27, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for a back to school celebration with signatures attached. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-418)

Correspondence received from Sgt. Siegfried requesting the Polish Pilgrimage walk be rerouted from Hohman to Munster to east on 173rd to Columbia Avenue then south to Munster. Mr. Smith suggest that signage be placed on 173rd beforehand. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and forward to police department for signage; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-419)

Under Matters from Board Members, Ms. Greenwell advises of a request from Jennifer Bahena, 710 169th St. to block the alley on July 26, 2025 for a birthday party with signatures attached. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and confirm it is the alley; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-420)

Ms. Pamela Coleman, 5624 Walter Ave. is requesting the board to reconsider her rental registration as she was out of town and did not received the notice. Inspections has confirmed there are not issues. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to rescind previous motion and waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-421)

Under New Business, Amended Contract with Powers Health Occupational Health for after hours on call fee submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-422)

Agreement to Rehabilitate property located at 7415 Montana Ave. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-423)

Request from Mr. Sing from Sixers Gas Station requesting an exemption hearing for 7306 Indianapolis Blvd. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-424)

Right of Way Permits (13) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-425)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve except 529 165th, requesting them to appear due to it being a vacant lot and 19 Wildwood due to this being their 4th request; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-426)

Under Old Business, Status – Request for street closure on Highland received from House of Healing Kingdom Tabernacle. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-427)

Status – 6826-28 Kennedy – Mr. Smith states this is the old Pioneer Tap. Owner and Mr. Soto appear. Mr. Soto confirms he has the asbestos report and he has applied for the 10 day notice. Mr. Smith states the rehab expired July 1st and there has been little progress and requests a time line and would like to understand the timeline a little better. Miss Sarai from the Mayor's office will translate. Mr. Soto states he needs about 4-5 months to complete. Mr. Smith wants to know what will be happening over the next 4-5 months? Mr. Soto states he will call the plumber first and not sure how long it will take and it will be a Mexican restaurant. Mr. Smith would like to know the estimate to get the restaurant open. Mr. Soto said it will be around 6 months and will try to do as soon as possible. Mr. Smith is requesting clarification as to 5 months from today or when completed. Mr. Soto is giving a rough estimate of 6 months, they are waiting on paperwork to be able to start the job and once that is done they should need from 3 to 6 months. Mr. Kearney asks if there will be remodeling during the plumbing? They are remodeling two bathrooms and making one to be handicap accessible. The hood will be done and they do have a plumber. Mr. Smith states they will need an amended rehab agreement and have a status in 90 days and note the city is not rushing this, just wanted a realistic timeline. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on October 16, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Ms. Cooks, 3810 Orchard advises that vehicles are parking in the grass on the right of way, there is no sidewalk and asks what the city can do to help deter vehicles from parking in the grass area. Mr. Smith states the city will look into this matter. Mr. Long asks her for her information after meeting and he can look into it from the

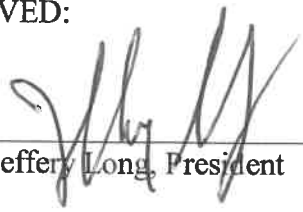
police department side. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to Police Department and Engineering; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Mr. Ramirez, 1047 Moss requests a 3-month extension. Mr. Smith has no objection. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on October 16, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

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 9:40 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary