

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, July 24, 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 17, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Bid Openings, Quotes for Fayette Street Drainage Project:

Rieth-Riley Construction Co.	\$91,000
Milestone Contractors North	\$99,390
H3 Concrete, Inc.	\$65,900

Mr. Button requests to be sent to Engineering. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to Engineering; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-428)

Under Matters from Other Department Heads, Mr. Button advises that the construction on Calumet Avenue will start July 28, 2025 for Phase 1 for approximately 20 days.

Mr. Kearney, Chief of Inspections declaring and emergency order to repair/demolish under I.C. 36-7-9-9 for 911 Bauer which had a fire. No action.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval of the Petition for Retirement from Sergeant Donald Conner who was served the citizens of Hammond for more than 30 years effective the close of business on September 21, 2025; and advising Master Sergeant Enrique Cook is no longer performing the duties of a K-9 Handler and will relinquish his K-9 Specialty Pay as of July 14, 2025. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-429)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting advertising dates of July 31, 2025 and August 7, 2025 with a bid opening of September 4, 2025 for the Downtown Train Station. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. Res. No. 25-4195 (Ins. No. 25-430)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$7,100 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Roadway Improvements on Willow Court at State Street with corresponding recommendation to award to the lowest, responsive and responsible quoter, Hawk Enterprises, Inc. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-431)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$70,000 of CIB Funding be allocated to establish railroad quiet zones in Downtown Hammond with attached agreement for professional services with First Group Engineering. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-432)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$51,750 of CIB Funding be allocated to the establish railroad quiet zones in Hessville with the attached agreement for professional services with First Group Engineering. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-433)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$14,171.16 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Summer Street Reconstruction and corresponding Change Order Nos. 5 through 7. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-434)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$5,020.40 of CIB Funding be allocated to replace bollard on Kennedy Avenue and the approval of the attached quote from Hawk Enterprises. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-435)

Correspondence received from Milestone requesting traffic alterations in accordance with Phase 1 of the Hohman Avenue Douglas St. to Russell St. project to begin August 4, 2025 and will last approximately one month. This includes the closing of the southbound lanes of Hohman Ave. beginning at the southern approach of Douglas St. to the southern approach of Russell St. and close the west approach of Clinton. St. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-436)

Correspondence received from Milestone requesting the approval to close multiple lanes to complete the milling and resurfacing of 173rd beginning the week of July 28, 2025. Roads will be open when employees are not working. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-437)

Correspondence received from Ron Novak requesting the approval of the Proposed License Agreement Renewal with Melody Dry Cleaners of Hammond, In. and its representative, IWM Consulting Group granting access to city property located at 5704 Calumet Ave. to conduct environmental monitoring. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-438)

Correspondence received from Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device license for Schoop's Hamburgers, Hammond Beer Hall, Mister Joe's, Anchor Inn and Sportsman Tap. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-439)

Correspondence received from Purdue University Northwest requesting to hold their 5K Power Onward Community Walk/Run event on October 18, 2025 from 8:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with approval from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-440)

Correspondence received from Salvatorian Fathers requesting to hold their Marian Bike Pilgrimage on Saturday, September 6, 2025 through the city with attached route and the approval from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-441)

Under New Business, bid recommendation received from Kelly Kearney regarding the July 10, 2025 bid openings for all properties be awarded to JM Industrial Services Inc. who was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder as follows: 4712 Hohman Ave. - \$16,200; 6810 Kennedy Ave., \$9,800; and 6833 Kennedy Ave. \$18,800. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-442)

Bid recommendation received from Kelly Kearney regarding the July 17, 2025 bid openings for all properties be awarded to JM Industrial Services Inc. who was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder as follows: 4934 Ash Ave. - \$11,800; 4831 Columbia Ave. - \$11,800; 617-19 Gostlin (front) - \$34,400; 5217 Hohman Ave., - \$485,000; and 964 Summer St. a/k/a 5614 Howard - \$16,650. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-443)

Agreement to Rehabilitate property located at 1219 150th St. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and set for status on October 9, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-444)

Right of Way Permit received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-445)

Request for Rental Registration hearings (3) submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for August 7, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-446)

Request for Late Business License hearing submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for August 7, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-447)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve except 1540 Michigan Street as this is their 5th request; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-448)

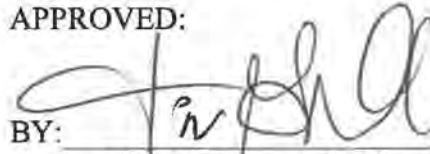
Under Old Business, 5217 Hohman Ave. - Mr. Kearney states that no panels have been removed. His concerns is a bad storm can bring more down. Owner states they were suppose to come back on the 31st to give an update about securing the panels. After he spoke with Kelly, he is more concerned with all the panels so came here to figure things out. If they will have to remove all the panels, they do have a buyer in place so they want to communicate with them that is the concerns once they get the building. It is either owner will do it or interested buyer will be doing but to remove all the panels they would need until August 31st, to remove all the panels and all the rotted wood behind it. Mr. Kearney would like all the panels removed because it seems the wood the panels are attached to are basically rotted, they've been there for 50 years, portions are open to water and concerned with a storm that the panels will come down. He understands they are in the process of selling and hope they have explained this is under a demolition order also. He would like to have them all down and needs some action at some point as it has been over a month. Owner states initially they were told to secure the loose panels which were about 3 and had a company come to secure just those panels but Mr. Kelly is concerned about all the panels. If they end up spending money to secure some panels, then need to do all the panels, then they will be charged double the amount. They are trying to save money and address the issue and will need time for that. Mr. Long states owner indicated it would take to the end of August and the city already has a bid on demolishing the building. Mr. Kearney states that the new purchaser would probably delay even more and another concern. He understands the financial aspects of this but we have declared this as an emergency situation and expected it to be secured at this point and doesn't know of any panels that have been removed yet. The demolition is eminent if things don't start happening soon and purchaser will come in and then we'll be here talking about the same situation with these panels. Mr. Long states they are concerned also and the city's perspective that we want to set a status date to see how much they have accomplished at that time. Owner states they did talk with the buyer and has communicated they will basically come with a plan, they have a quote for remediation to save the building and he wants to come next Thursday to explain their plan so they can show the city they want to save the building and spend money. Mr. Kearney requests a copy of their environmental study. Mr. Long explains this has been going on for a month and is potentially a hazard, and you must do something soon or you will run out of time. Owner says all agreed that they would secure the panels that were loose and get done by the 31st but Kelly said that wasn't enough because all the panels are loose and feels like they are stuck in between to secure some and remove others and want to do all is that is a possibility and working with buyer. Mr. Long asks if the buyers are willing to come in and explain what they are doing. Owner states yes, they want to do what you agree on and have a plan. Mr. Kearney states in the meantime, they need to secure, remove those panels that are obviously in danger of coming off. We need some action to make this safe. Mr. Long asks if they set a status in two weeks, what can get accomplished in two weeks? Owner states at least next week they can set something up with the buyer and see what they want to do and establish a plan to address everything whether who is going to be doing the work in regards to the panel. Mr. Long states we understand you would like to do this all to save money, but in the meantime, we have a hazardous situation that we cannot let go on. Something more has to be done in two weeks than get a plan from the new owner. Mr. Kearney states they need a contractor to start removing the panels. Mr. Long agrees. Owner states as far as the loose

panels, we can get that started and at least have the buyer come in Thursday to talk about the plan and talk about the rest of the panels. Mr. Kelly prefers two weeks and at that time panels that are in fear of falling can be secured or removed. Owner agrees. Owner will have new buyer come in and communicate. Mr. Long states that two weeks from now, the ones that are loose will have been secured or taken down. Owner agrees. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on August 7, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Late Rental Registration hearings, 4214 Hohman (2 units). Owner present. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-449)

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 9:30 a.m.

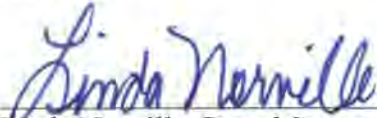
APPROVED:



BY:

Tinisha Greenwell, Vice President

ATTEST:



Linda Norville, Board Secretary