

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2025

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, August 14, 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 defer the Minutes of the meeting of August 7, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Quotes: Sibley Street Lighting	
Hawk Enterprises	\$26,296.77

Mr. Button request this be referred to consultant for review and recommendation.

Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to refer to consultant; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-496)

Quotes: Linden French Drain	
Grimmer Construction	\$17,980
Salyer Plumbing	\$12,500

Mr. Button request this be referred to consultant for review and recommendation.

Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to refer to consultant; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-496)

Under Matters from Other Department Heads, Mr. Button presents a property agreement between Grimmer Construction and Franciscan Alliance for the use of the parking lot for their equipment. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-497)

Mr. Smith states that 607 State Street looks great on the outside. The owner has put a new garage door and is waiting on the glass door. Mr. Smith is satisfied with the work outside and requests to rescind the demolition order, allow to acquire permits and vacate the hearing for September 11, 2025. No action.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval for the following officers to be promoted to the following ranks: Lieutenant – Robert Trost; Master Sergeant – Ronald Rogers, Robert Taylor, Kevin Holland and Michael Ciccotelli with promotions and pay adjustments to be made effective August 15, 2027. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-498)

Correspondence received from Lauren Thiel, The Art Table requesting to close the alley between Paul Henry's Art Gallery and the Towle Theater on Friday, August 15, 2025 from 10:00

a.m. until 10:00 p.m. submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-499)

Correspondence received from Jamie Sandona, St. John the Baptist requesting to close Lincoln Avenue between 119th Street and Benedict Avenue on September 13, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. until September 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to hold their Parish Picnic. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-500)

Correspondence received from Aileen Ibarra, Special Events Coordinator requesting permission to hold the 2025 Hammond Veterans Appreciation Day Parade on November 1, 2025 starting at 8:00 a.m. with approval from the Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-501)

Under New Business, Funding Allocation Request Form requesting \$12,000.00 of the 2nd District Gaming Fund to be allocated to the Park/Gaming Account for FOTL submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-502)

Contract for Demolition Services with JM Industrial Services, Inc. for the property located at 911 Bauer Street in the amount of \$49,600.00 submitted for approval. Mr. Kearney advises this is the cost for a 2 story house fire with a hoarding situation. Fire Department requested an emergency demolition and JM came out with their equipment to assist putting out the fire. An outside state inspector will be on premises when being demolished for asbestos or whatever else may be and will need to be separated which will be difficult. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-503)

Right of Way Permits (9) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-504)

Request for Gas Station Exemption hearing for Hammond Shell Truck Stop, 3350 Calumet submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for August 28, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-505)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-506)

Notice of Violation Hearing – 1032 Bauer St. – Inspector Schultz states the owner of the property did hire a contractor. The work has been done but haven't completed the reinspection and requests a continuance to September 18. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status for September 18, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-507)

Notice of Violation Hearing – 1535 173rd. Place – Inspector Pajdzik states the property was inspected on July 17 and property contains a non- conforming basement apartment, ceiling

height measured at 6'3", block windows around the property, no forms of egress. Owner is aware of this through the inspection report and agreed they will remove the unit and request the Board's approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-508)

Late Business License hearing – Calumet Monument & Stone. Owner Mr. Thomas Rogan appears and wasn't aware or would be able to explain what happen. They have been in business 98 years. Something broke down but not sure how it happened. Ms. Serrano requests that ½ late fee be imposed. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-509)

Gas Station Exemption – 7306 Indianapolis Blvd. – Rara Sahib, Inc. d/b/a Sixers. Mr. Novak states that they have been under construction and so far all is well. Mr. Smith wants to make sure the owner knows the Findings indicated to be on FUSUS. Mr. Long states they were in compliance with FUSUS, so as long as they continue that relationship after completed, they are fine. Owner understands about the signage, ADA parking space. Mr. Novak states they are good. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long.

Resolution Regarding Wage Accounting Adjustment. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. Res. No. 25-4196 (Ins. No. 25-510)

First Extension of Agreement to Rehabilitate for Property located at 944 Murray St. submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve and set for status for November 13, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-511)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 1047 Moss St. submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve and set for November 13, 2025 and vacate other previous dates; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-512)

Under Old Business, Status – 51 Webb, Tax Sale Purchaser present and state he knocked down the shed, has maintained the grass and would like to rehab the property. He has applied for a general contractor license. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on September 18, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 251 Detroit - Mr. Smith provided photos. Ms. De La Paz failed to appear at previous hearing, windows were done and due to the extreme heat, no painting was done and was set for today on an order to appear. Mr. Lewter states the house looks ready to be painted, scrapped and prepped but no painting. Mr. Smith would like to continue to work with Ms. De La Paz and would ask 3rd District inspector to get this information and let her know. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on September 18, 2025 with an order to appear; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 1152 Roosevelt – Mr. Lewter states it is about 80% complete. Owner Mr. Garcia states he will cut grass and keep clean. Mr. Smith presents an updated rehab agreement to sign today. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve rehab agreement and set for status on November 13, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-513)

Status – 1430 Stanton – Mr. Lewter was able to get pictures, the outside looks great, inside is an improvement and probably 4-6 weeks until complete but needs owner to appear. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on September 11, 2025 and an order to appear; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 1021 Moss – Mr. Smith presents new photos. Rehab is doing well. Mr. Lewter states the outside looks good, spoke with contractor to clean up mess, no update on the inside, no new inspections. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on September 11, 2025 and an order to appear; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 5629 Calumet – Mr. Smith presents updated photos. Mr. Vargas states he has a new front wall, inside is almost done, waiting on plumbing and waiting for the water to do the drywall and wants to use as storage for his company. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on October 9, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Rental Registration, 5614 Schultz- Owner appears. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-514)

7444 Van Buren - Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-514)

910 Carroll St.- Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-514)

1121 Benedict - Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-514)

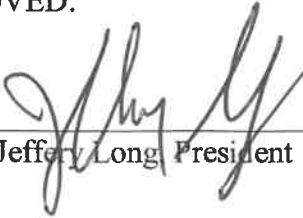
Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. Jose Galvan, Summer streets requesting signs back on the street for no parking, there is a need for signs. Mr. Button will work with Mr. Galvan regarding the details. No action.

Mr. Eric Luna appears via Zoom and was advised of the September 11, 2025 status date.

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 9:57a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:



Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:



Linda Norville, Board Secretary