BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2025, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Greenwell – present; Mr. Kalina – absent.

Due to the absence of Mr. Kalina, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve the Minutes of the meeting of September 11, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of $26,500 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Quiet Zone Administrative Fee – Norfolk Southern Railroad and authorization for City Engineer to execute Agreement by Docusign. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-577)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of $106,300 of CIB Funding be allocated for the four (4) Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and the recommendation by NIES Engineering to award the quote to Midwestern Electric. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-578)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of $15,567.94 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Summer Street Reconstruction and approval of Change Orders Nos. 8 and 13 through 17. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-579)

Correspondence received from Dean Button recommending to reject the two bids received for the Downtown Hammond Train Station as it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the City. The City will be taking steps to reduce the scope of the project and reserves the right to re-advertise the project in the future. Mr. Button states the bids were opened on September 4, 2025 and were over the budgeted amount. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-580)

Correspondence received from Site Services requesting to have flaggers with some traffic delays on New York Avenue between Indianapolis Blvd. and 129th as well as lane closures State Line Road from Indianapolis Blvd. to 109th beginning September 17, 2025 and also Hohman Avenue from 137th Ave. to 138th, Hohman Avenue from 141st to Gostlin, Chicago Ave from White Oak to Columbia beginning September 22, 2025. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-581)

Correspondence received from Pyrotek requesting approval to provide flame effects for the Lamb of God concert on September 27, 2025 at the Venue at Horseshoe, Hammond. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-582)

Under New Business, Funding Allocation Request Forms requesting $10,000 of the 6th District Gaming Fund to be allocated for Tree Removals and $250 to be allocated to the HUGS Parade - Hessville Park Use Agreement Fee. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-583)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish property located at 607 State Street submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-584)

Right of Way Permits (4) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-585)

Request for Late Rental Registration hearings submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for October 2, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-586)

Request for Late Business License hearing submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for October 2, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-587)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-588)

Under Old Business, Demolition Hearing – 642 Spruce St. Mr. Smith states the contractor is ready. This is under the Unsafe Building Act, proper notice was given via regular mail, certified mail, advertisement and posting. Mr. Smith requests the order to be affirmed and hold off recording for two weeks. Mr. Polak states they are tuckpointing the outside. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to affirm the order and set for status on October 2, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-589)

Notice of Violation 1032 Bauer. Inspector Schultz states this was an illegal basement, owner has complied and requests a dismissal. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to dismiss; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status - 51 Webb. Mr. Smith states someone as inquired about purchasing this property and he would like to check into if it has been redeemed and if there is a new owner. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on October 23, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status - 251 Detroit. Ms. De La Paz appears. Mr. Smith states that all the work has been completed and will prepare an order to rescind. No action.

Under Late Rental Registrations, 4722 Pine. No action.

1120 May St. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-590)

606 Spruce. Owner requests a continuance. No action.

Under Matters Open to Public, Mr. Abdullah appears regarding 51 Webb. He states that the property was redeemed. Mr. Smith states he will research.

Mr. Button requests the approval for six additional closings for the West Lake Corridor. The streets are Kenwood, Conkey, Detroit, Highland, Waltham and Douglas. These closing will be either two streets at a time and Waltham and Douglas will be one at a time. Mr. Smith has concerns that the signage is not very clear. Representative states they have taken care of that and there will be extra signage. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 25-591)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Ms. Greenwell adjourn; concurred by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:

Linda Norville
Linda Norville, Board Secretary