

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, September 25, 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 September 18, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval of the resignation of Sgt. Michael Elkmann effective the close of business retroactive to September 4, 2025; and the Petition for Retirement of Lieutenant Roger Cardwell, who has served the citizens of Hammond for 42 years, effective the close of business on November 19, 2025. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-592)

Correspondence received from Bernard Grisolia, requesting that Christopher Berrera be appointed to the Hammond Fire Department retroactive to December 6, 2024 and the following be appointed retroactive to December 5, 2024: Viet Vy, Ian Myszak, Rachel Tredway, Julian Rutherford, Orlando Martinez and Ryan Bandstra. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-593)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the request from F.H. Paschen for lane shifts on 165th Street on October 7, 2025 and Sheffield (between old Marble St. and Chicago Street Traffic Circle) on October 2, 2025 through October 3, 2025 to perform work. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-594)

Correspondence received from Engineering Department requesting the approval of the Agreement for the Backup Generator Maintenance for Hammond City Hall. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-595)

Correspondence received from Controller's Office requesting the approval of the Contract Amendment with Powers Occupational Health adding an additional service. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-596)

Correspondence received from Aileen Ibarra, Special Events Coordinator requesting permission to close streets for the 2025 Hammond Holiday Parade with Hammond Police Department approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-597)

Correspondence received from Scott Rakos, Hammond Optimist Club, requesting to block the alley of 7011-7019 Kennedy Ave. on October 4, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for their annual Shrimp Boil Fundraiser. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-598)

Correspondence received from Milestone requesting the following traffic alterations: close all lanes of Hohman at the southern approach of Douglas Street and continuing to the southern approach of Russell Street and close the intersection of Hohman and Clinton St. beginning October 1 through October 6, 2025. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-599)

Under Matters from Department Heads, Mr. Smith would like to take 5217 Hohman out of order. He states that 80% of the work to remove the panels is done and is satisfied with the progress. It is still on the demolition list and requests a status. Owners appear and state they have listed it for sale two days ago. They are in need for a buyer but the lack of parking is an issue. Mr. Smith reminds them to let the potential buyers know it is on the demo list. Mr. Long would like to know if they will rehab the property or knock it down. Owners state there is concerns with the parking. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set an internal status on October 9, 2025 regarding the panels and set status for October 23, 2025 for the plan of the building; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-600)

Under New Business, Resolution to Authorize the City of Hammond to Make a Special Purchase of Street Sweepers. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-601)

Request from resident Craig Cowart, requesting extra street lighting in the alley of the 6900 block of Harrison Avenue. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to refer this to Engineering; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-602)

Right of Way Permits (5) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-603)

Request for Gas Station Exemption hearing – Neelam, Inc. d/b/a Citgo Gas, 3550 -169th St. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for October 9, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-604)

Notice of Violation – 7531 Madison Ave. Owners appear. Inspector Pajdzik states an inspection was completed and found an illegal basement and owners have started removing and requests the order to be affirmed. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to affirm the Order; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-605)

Late Business License – Fiesta Mexican Restaurant – 1522 Indianapolis Blvd. Owner appears and states he recently opened. Ms. Serrano states she just received paperwork from County. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-606)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-607)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-608)

Request to rehear a late rental registration property – 4603 Sheffield. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for October 2, 2025; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 25-609)

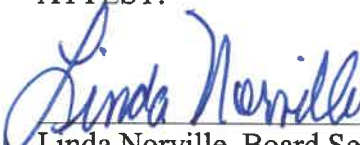
There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Kalina. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary