

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2025**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2025, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – absent; Ms. Greenwell – present; Mr. Kalina – present.

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

Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve the Minutes of the meeting of October 16, 2025; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Shannon Caine-Graham, 50 Coolidge St., requesting the approval to close Coolidge from Forest to the alley to hold a block party on October 31, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. with signatures attached. Mr. Smith acknowledges this is a block party with signatures but wants to clarify that it must be open for all trick or treaters and to advise the police department. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve contingent upon remaining open to trick or treaters and forward to police department; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-661)

Under New Business, City of Hammond Title VI Plan / Nondiscrimination Agreement submitted for approval. Mr. Button states this is an update for State and Federal funding. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-662)

Credit Application received from Public Works for Interstate Power Systems submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-663)

Right of Way Permits (4) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-664)

Late Business License hearing – Elmwood Cemetery – 1413 169th St. Attorney Reed and owner appear via Zoom. Ms. Serrano states they have paid the business license and we are here for the late fee. Mr. Reed states it was an oversight on his client's part. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive late fee; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-665)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 25-666)

Old Business, Status – 5217 Hohman. No one appears. Mr. Smith states nothing is new and will press ahead with the bidding process. Mr. Polak states the boom lift won't be available until the end of October. No Action.

Status - 7415 Montana. Mr. Smith states there was a new owner and rehab agreement expires tomorrow. Mr. Polak presents photos, will contact contractor, all roughs are done and requests 30 days to see if a new rehab agreement is needed. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set status for November 20, 2025 and requests an order to appear; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Status - 51 Webb. Mr. Smith states he is trying to see who is the certificate holder and owner. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status for November 20, 2025; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Gas Station Exemption hearing – BP Gas Station – 2300 Indianapolis Blvd. Mr. Anish Chittalakattu appears and states he spoke with Mr. Novak and Mr. Gootee and they indicated there were no issues. Mr. Smith give last year updates regarding payphone, leaning fence and ramp. Mr. Chittalakattu he though all was resolved due to Mr. Novak indicating. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. Armando Lopez, 4708 Henry states he had a rental registration hearing and had some health issues in California. The Board advised him to appear November 6, 2025.

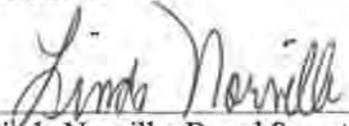
Status – 2104 Sherman. Mr. Fentress appears via Zoom and states waiting on general contractor and progress is being made. Mr. Smith would like to set a 30 day status to inspect and see if an extension is needed. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on November 20, 2025; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Kalina to adjourn; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: 
Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary