

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2026**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2026, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Greenwell – present; Mr. Kalina – present.

Under Conflict of Interest, Mr. Long will not participate in police matters.

Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Bid Openings: Quotes: Summer Street Sewers

Hasse Construction	\$260,472.82
Dyer Construction	\$202,200.00
Grimmer Construction	\$138,884.00

Mr. Button requests this be referred to the consultant, Chris Moore from NEIS Engineering for review and recommendation. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-114)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Jeffery Long, Chief of Police recommending the approval of Cristian Luna be promoted to the rank of 1st Class Patrolman effective December 19, 2025; Walter Peterson be promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant effective March 17, 2026 and also received FTO Specialty Pay; and the following officers should receive their FTO Specialty Pay effective February 27, 2026: Eric Banvich, Kali Caine, Benjamin Daniels, Aaron Griggs and Tyler Krachenfels. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. Motion carried. 2-0-1 abstained. (Ins. No. 26-115)

Correspondence received from Bernard Grisolia, Fire Chief recommending the following approvals: Engineer Michael Rivich be promoted to the rank of Captain effective March 18, 2026; Engineer Gregory Kalwinski be promoted to the rank of Captain effective March 16, 2026; Private Juan Gonzalez be promoted to the rank of Engineer effective March 16, 2026; and Private Martin Padilla be promoted to the rank of Engineer effective March 17, 2026. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-116)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$135,353.32 of CIB Funding to allocated for the Dan Rabin Plaza Lighting and Electrical Improvements and the recommendation of NIES Engineering that the project be awarded to Hawk Enterprises who was the lowest, responsive and responsible quoter. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-117)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$198,500 of CIB Funding be allocated for professional services for the Downtown Hammond Train Station and corresponding Proposal for Observation Services with NIES Engineering. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-118)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$23,000 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Supplemental Agreement with First Group Engineering for the Hessville Quiet Zones and corresponding Agreement. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-119)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$18,000 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Supplemental Agreement with First Group Engineering for the Downtown Hammond Quiet Zones and corresponding Agreement. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-120)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of \$27,739 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railroad for the Preliminary Engineering Marina District Screen Wall and corresponding Agreement. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-121)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the request for vacation of right of way with HWC Engineering for the 7500 block of Linden Ave., a small e/w portion of the alley. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-122)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the License for Trail Agreement with The Nature Conservancy. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-123)

Correspondence received from NIES Engineering requesting the approval of the recommendation for the Lawndale Lighting Project be awarded to Hawk Enterprises who was the lowest, responsive and responsible quoter in the amount of \$126,083.51. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-124)

Correspondence received from Megan Flores, Controller requesting the approval to sign and purchase Motorola radio communications equipment for the Police and Fire Departments. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-125)

Correspondence received from Mandy Krickhahn, The Collective Events, Inc., requesting to waive the Vendor Licensing Fee for the vendors participating in the 2026 Farmed & Forged Market season. Mr. Scott Miller states this is being run by HDC for the Downtown area. Mr.

Smith states this is for the Temporary Food Vendors fee. This is the first year of having this event and would like to revisit this next year. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the fees; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-126)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting approval for the City Engineer to electronically execute the Builder's Risk Insurance Agreement with Liberty Mutual Insurance for the Downtown Hammond Train Station Construction with an annual premium of \$9,874. Mr. Button states this is required for the construction. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-127)

Under New Business, Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish property located at 1563 177th Place submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states Mr. Rhodes' rehab is complete. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-128)

Agreement to Purchase Real Estate for property located at 5633 Walter Avenue submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-129)

Right of Way Permits (6) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-130)

Disposal Authorization received from the Police Department submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. Motion carried. 2-0-1 abstained. (Ins. No. 26-131)

Request for Late Business License Registration hearing submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for April 2, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-132)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-133)

Late Business License Hearings: Goomba Pizza. Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-134)

All Heating & Air Conditioning - Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-134)

House Calls Ent. Inc. Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-134)

Shining Star Kids – Owner appears via Zoom. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-134)

Little Bouncer’s Childcare - Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-134)


Under Old Business, Status – 2104 Sherman - Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on May 7, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 1170 Sibley – Mr. Smith states an Order to Rescind will be presented next week. No action.

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:

  
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Jeffery King, President

ATTEST:

  
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Linda Norville, Board Secretary