BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, 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 meetings of March 26, 2026 and April 2, 2026, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Quotes: Dan Rabin Plaza Roof – 1) Gluth Brothers - $67,693; 2) Ivan's Roofing and Remodeling - $57,166; and 3) Korellis Roofing - $67,391. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to Engineering; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-163)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Jeffery Long, Chief of Police requesting the approval of promotions to the rank of Corporal with pay adjustment for the following officers: Tyler Crussen, Jesse Escamilla, Xavier Reillo and Raymond Velez effective April 25, 2026; and the approval of the promotions to 1st Class Patrolman with pay adjustments for the following: Michael Baxton, Devonte Mapp-Pitts, Emmanuel Suarez and Christian Vazquez effective April 17, 2026. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. 2-0-1 abstained. (Ins. No. 26-164)

Correspondence received from Bernard Grisolia, Fire Chief recommending the approval of the Letter of Retirement of Captain Bryan Smith, who has served the citizens of Hammond for over 27 years, effective April 27, 2026; and the Letter of Retirement of Battalion Chief Christopher Walsh, who has served the citizens of Hammond for over 32 years, effective June 22, 2026. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-165)

Correspondence received from NIES Engineering recommending the Hammond Police Booster Pump Project be awarded to Salyer Plumbing, Inc. in the amount of $68,000 who was the lowest, responsive and responsible quoter. Mr. Smith stated there was no quorum last week and the project had to move forward so he would request to ratify this decision. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. 2-0-1 abstained. (Ins. No. 26-166)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval for $138,884 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Summer Street Sewer Improvement Project and the recommendation from NIES Engineering to award the bid to Grimmer Construction who was the lowest, responsive and responsible quoter. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-167)

Correspondence from Dean Button requesting the approval for $1,744,896.40 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the 2025 CCMG - 165th Street Project - Kennedy Avenue to Grand Avenue and the approval and electronic signature of the INDOT-LPA Agreement. The local match for the project totals $872,448.20. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-168)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval for $1,000,000 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the 2026 Street Resurfacing projects. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-169)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval for $352,415 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Marina Screen Wall Design project with Butler Fairman and Seufert. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-170)

Correspondence received from Joe Murzyn, Whiting-Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce requesting approval to hold the Annual Garage Mahal Event on Saturday and Sunday, May 16 & 17, 2026 with over 200 residents participating. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-171)

Correspondence received from Alex Stahura, Constituent Services requesting to block of the 400 block of Russell Street on April 16, 2026 for the groundbreaking ceremony for the Downtown Hammond Train Station. Additionally, requesting parking on Fayette and Oakley with EMA assistance. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-172)

Correspondence received from the Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device license for Food 4 Less and Billy Bear Bar & Grill. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-173)

Under New Business, Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 944 Murray St. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-174)

Right of Way Permit (1) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-175)

Late Business License hearing for Rich's Roofing. Owner does not appear. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to enforce the late fees; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-176)

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 9:16 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: ______________________
Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:

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Linda Norville, Board Secretary