BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 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 April 30, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button requesting $7,900 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Memorial Park and Lot Staking and corresponding Agreement for professional services with American Structurepoint submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-228)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting $141,100 of CIB Funding be allocated for 165th Street – Kennedy Avenue to Grand Avenue construction and corresponding professional services agreement with First Group Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-229)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of Change Order No. 2 for the Hammond Avenue Phase 2 Reconstruction for a 14 day time extension at no cost submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-230)

Correspondence received from Christopher Gootee, Assistant Chief of Police recommending the approval of a disciplinary action. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. 2-0-1 abstained. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-231)

Correspondence received from Jeffery Smith, Port Authority Director requesting permission to have fireworks for their annual Third of July Fireworks show at approximately 10:00 PM at Wolf Lake Memorial Park Island and for the annual Thomas M. McDermott, Sr. Hammond Marina Venetian Day and Night on July 11, 2026 at 10:00 PM at the west end of the lake shoreline. Mad Bomber is the contractor providing both professional aerial displays for both event. Mr. Smith stated the Park Board approved. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-232)

Correspondence received from Pedro Mesas, 4937 Hickory Ave. requesting to block off the side alley for a birthday party on May 9, 2026 from 12:00 PM until 10:00 PM. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-233)

Correspondence received from the Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device license for Flo's Kenwood Tap. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-234)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting $300,000 of CIB Funding be allocated for the 2026 Roadway Maintenance, Pavement Preservation and Crack Sealing submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-235)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting $11,279.27 of CIB Funding be allocated for Summer Street Lighting Repairs submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-236)

Correspondence received from Kelly Kearney recommending the bid award to JM Industrial Services in the amount of $291,800 for the demolition of 600-626 177th Street to be forwarded to the Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Kearney recommends forwarding this to Redevelopment. Mr. Button states he worked with Mr. Kearney due to concerns with the two lowest bidders which were rejected. Mr. Smith states the Board is not approving. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to Redevelopment; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-237)

Under New Business, Funding Allocation Form requesting $5,000 from the 1st District Gaming Fund to be allocated for the Hermits Park Improvements submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-238)

Resolution of the Board of Works and Safety Establishing Guidelines and an Application Process for Special Events Conducted on Public Property or Public Right-of-Way. Mr. Smith thanks everyone for their time and input for the requests for closing streets, alleys, parade, farmer's market, with a standard form and requests approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-239)

Out of order, Mr. Kalina presents a request for the Pat Mac Ride. Mr. Smith requests they fill out the form. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve pending the paperwork to be completed; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-240)

Right of Way Permits (8) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-241)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-242)

Late Business License hearing for Small Town Plumbing. Business owner did not appear. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to impose the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-243)

Under Old Business, Status – Filming/Parking Request – 489 Fayette Street. Mr. Long states he is fine with the parking. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-244)

Hammond Optimist Youth Sports parade was moved from May 1, 2026 to May 8, 2026. No action. (Ins. No. 26-245)

Status - 2104 Sherman – Mr. Fentress appears. Mr. Smith presents photos and states the 2nd floor is finished. Mr. Polak states only 5% remain and requests an order to rescind. No action.

Status – 1219 150th - Mr. Smith states they have had no contact with the owner, Mr. Gonzalez, et al. this was bid out and awarded to JM for $19,500. Mr. Smith will send a 10-day letter, contact NIPSCO and move forward with demolition. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on August 6, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 1728 Stanton – Mr. Smith states this is moving well and needs to check on the homestead status. Mr. Polak states the framing is complete and requests 30 days. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on June 4, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Owner from Small Town Plumbing appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to rescind her previous motion and makes a new motion to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

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 9:26 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: ______________________

Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:

Linda Norville

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Linda Norville, Board Secretary