

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:06 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 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 May 14, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters From Other Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Smith states he received a letter from the attorney regarding the firefighter requesting to continue the date. Mr. Smith has no objection and state the firefighter and counsel waive the statutory requirement and he has no objection to continue the date. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve the request for continuance and confirm the new date; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-263)

Ms. Button states that bridge is open on 179th and that the roadway was resurfaced. Mr. Smith states the city took the lead for an intergovernmental agreement. Mr. Long thanks everyone because this is important to the city.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$4,250 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Downtown Hammond Signage – Electronic Message Board Site Plan and corresponding Proposal with American Structurepoint submitted for approval. Mr. Button states this was funded by IREADI. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-264)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$79,780 of CIB Funding be allocated for the City Hall Schematic Design and Proposal with American Structurepoint submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-265)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$57,800 of CIB Funding be allocated for the PASER Inventory and Professional Service Agreement with First Group Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-266)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$14,175.96 of CIB Funding be allocated for the Change Order No. 2 with Milestone Contractors for the traffic signal at Sportsplex submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-267)

Correspondence received from Bernard Grisolia, Fire Chief recommending the following Promotions to be retroactive to May 12, 2026: Engineer (Eng.1) Thomas Markovich to be promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief and Private 1st Class (Eng.) Edward Wagner to be promoted to the rank of Engineer. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-268)

Correspondence received from the Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device license for Flat Rock Tap, Area 504 Nightclub LLC, Maywood Civic Club and Blue Kangaroo. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-269)

Under New Business, Funding Allocation Request Form requesting \$100,000 of 5th District Gaming Fund to be allocated for the FOTL Park Gaming Fund. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-270)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 2104 Sherman St. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-271)

Right of Way Permits (3) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-272)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve except the two denials; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-273)

Special Event Permit Application – Live In The Ville – The request is for a new location on June 12-13, 2026. Mr. Smith requests to defer this in order to speak with Parks, Public Works and Police Department due to the new location. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to defer; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-274)

Special Event Permit Application – Ophelia Steen Center – Mr. Smith advises this is on private property and does not qualify for special events. Mrs. Rutherford appears and states vendors will be inside and outside and no public closure required. No action. (Ins. No. 26-275)

Under Old Business, status – Residential Parking Signs at 5400 block of White Oak. Mr. Button recommends the signs be placed at the discretion of the Director of Public Works. Mr. Button states this is for the west side of White Oak which the residents approve. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-276)

Status – 51 Webb – Owner does not appear. Mr. Smith is disappointed that no one is here. Triple A has redeemed the property, no work has been completed. Mr. Polak states there is

no signed agreement. Mr. Smith states they will proceed with demo.

Under Late Rental Registrations, 4239 Torrence (2) - Owner appears and states one is owner occupied. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-277)

1584 – 177th Pl. Owner does not appear. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to impose the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-277)

1029 May St. Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-277)

5510 Alice. Owner appears. Sign affidavit.

3150 165th St. (2); 514 Spruce St.; 2641 164th St. – Mr. Jenkins appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-277)

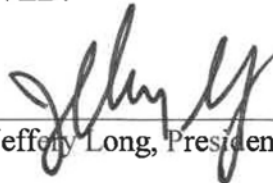
7413 Beech Ave. Owner does not appear. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to impose the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-277)

1468 Summer St. Owner does not appear. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to impose the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-277)

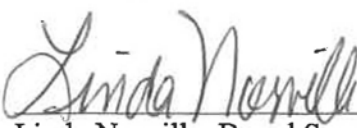
There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Kalina. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffrey Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary