

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:07 a.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2026, 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 defer the Minutes of the meeting of May 21, 2026; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Matters From Other Department Heads, Mr. Smith advises to send notice setting the Firefighter disciplinary action for June 18, 2026 at 9:45 a.m. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve request; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-278)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Jeffery Long, Chief of Police requesting the approval for Officer Luis Collazo to received Traffic Specialty Pay effective May 12, 2026 and the Petition for Retirement from Captain Ezequiel Hinojosa, who has served the citizens of Hammond for over 47 years, to become effective the close of business July 31, 2026. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-279)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the NIPSCO Trail License Agreement for the Marquette Greenway Trail Project between 150th Street and White Oak. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-280)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the Change Order No. 3 for the Hohman Avenue Phase 2 Reconstruction extending the completion date for the tree and shrub planting only until November 13, 2026. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-281)

Correspondence received from Aileen Ibarra, Special Events Coordinator requesting permission to hold a commercial firework display on July 17 & 18, 2026 for the Annual Festival of the Lakes on the island of Wolf Memorial Park beginning approximately 10:30/11:00 PM. The vendor will be Mad Bomber Fireworks Productions. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-282)

Correspondence received from Aileen Ibarra, Special Events Coordinator requesting permission to have a Pyrotechnic Display on July 16, 2026 during Jelly Roll's performance beginning approximately at 9:00 – 10:00 PM. The vendor will be Pyrotek Special Effects, Inc. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-283)

Correspondence received from Aileen Ibarra, Special Events Coordinator requesting permission to close thoroughfares for the duration of the 2026 Festival of the Lakes from Wednesday, July 15, 2026 through Tuesday, July 21, 2026 with times and streets to vary. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-284)

Under New Business, Right of Way Permits (13) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-285)

Disposal Authorization received from the Hammond Police Department submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-286)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve except the two; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-287)

Request from Sarah Hernandez requesting to block of the 1100 block of S. State Line Road for a block party on July 3, 2026 from 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-288)

Request from Deeanna Ignacio requesting to block of the alley behind 3350 165th St. for a graduation party on June 17, 2026 from 2:00 -10:00 PM submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve as long as there is access in and out; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-289)

Request from Adriana Garcia, 1231 Hoffman St. to block off the strip of Linden St. next to her home for a graduation party on June 6, 2026 from 3:00 – 9:00 PM submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-290)

Request from Pastor Adraine Lee, 819-821 Cherry St. requesting to block off 819-840 Cherry St. for their annual Taste of the Grill Party on June 20, 2026 from 12:00 – 6:00 PM submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to defer; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-291)

Special Event Permit – St. Casimir Church - Corpus Christi Church Procession on June 7, 2026. Request to waive fee. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve contingent upon police approval; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-292)

Contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc. received from City Controller for the car camera system in the amount of \$108,738.00 submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-293)

Under Old Business, Status – 6102 Kennedy – Mr. Polak states the property is currently in the same condition, the building is secure, when the apartments are complete, the will start on the garage and will use it for storage and requests an additional 30 days. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on July 2, 2026; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Status – 6826-28 Kennedy – Mr. Soto and owner appear. Mr. Soto states he needs to run the water line and is not sure when it will be completed, maybe one month to open for business. Mr. Polak advises when the water line installed, inspections still need to be completed. The one inch line for plumbing needs to be completed, final electrical inspection, final building inspection can be completed, after those three are completed then the certificate of occupancy can be issued to the property to potentially open up. The business license inspections are still looming as the building has not been completed. Mr. Smith states the rehab agreement expired July 1, 2025. The city is interested and excited about the prospect of another restaurant on Kennedy Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on July 2, 2026; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

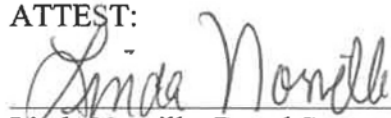
Under Late Rental Registrations, Caribou Home Rentals (29) properties. Pamela Crowder appears and was one day late. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive all the late fees; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-294)

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 9:32 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: 
Tinisha Greenwell, Vice President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary