

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:07 a.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2026, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Greenwell – absent; Mr. Kalina – present.

Due to the absence of Ms. Greenwell, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to defer the Minutes of the meeting of May 28, 2026; concurred by Mr. Long.

Bid Openings: Quotes: Sportsplex Grinder Project. 1) Grimmer Construction - \$124,500; 2) Dyer Construction - \$162,895; 3) Hasse Construction - \$127,000 and 4) Salyer Plumbing - \$122,500. Mr. Button requests this be referred to Engineering and consultant for review and tabulation. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to refer to Inspections and consultant for bid tabulation and recommendation; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-295)

Under Correspondence, Mr. Long states the Board will defer the police matters until next week.

Correspondence received from Dean Button, City Engineer recommending the conversion of the 100 block of Condit Street from Hohman Avenue to the alley west of Hohman Avenue from one-way to two-way traffic and extending the two-way traffic on Doty from the alley west of Hohman to the driveway west of the alley west of Hohman. This requires the 7 day notice to the Council. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-296)

Correspondence received from the Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device license for Fraternal Order of Eagles #3117, Delicias Elita, Calumet Laundromat, and Dick's R.U.Crazy, Inc. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-297)

Taken Out of Order, Matters from Other Department Heads - 7247-49 Indianapolis Blvd. Mr. Smith states this is not on the agenda but was scheduled and gentlemen are on Zoom. Mr. Smith states the sign has been taken down, the exterior continues to be in good shape and requests an update. Mr. Scott Borstein states all the work on the demo notice has been done except the electrical, which they are waiting on NIPSCO and they are doing other work that is not part of the notice and request this dismissed with the progress and good faith effort. Mr. Jankovsky met with NIPSCO a couple weeks back. They are in the process of updating the equipment list which will be submitted this week and probably the power will be up and running about a 30 day turnaround. They will be continue to work and will reach out for inspections and coordinating with NIPSCO. Mr. Smith states the initial demolition order against former owners

was dismissed at the time of transfer of property and was told this would be taken care of. Mr. Smith assumed everything would be find and moving along quickly but it didn't. The Inspections department had to issue a new order of demo due to it being vacant for so long and nothing was going on. Mr. Smith requests the order stay in affect and set for a status for 60 days. Mr. Polak states his request is that during this time, NIPSCO situation resolved before anything gets taken off the demolish list, the services are good and no other issues that could be uncovered with any of the receptacles, fixtures, or lights inside. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for August 6, 2026; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under New Business, Unsafe Demolition Lien approval – 4243 Dearborn Ave. in the amount of \$21,125.00 submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states we received the invoice and will record the issued lien. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-298)

Right of Way Permits (8) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-299)

Disposal Authorizations deferred to next week.

Gas Station Exemptions - Luke #265 – 3550 Sheffield Ave., Luke #255 – 850 Indianapolis Blvd., Luke #236 – 10770 Indianapolis Blvd. Mr. Fife appears. Mr. Smith states this is an annual request and there are some minor issues. Mr. Novak will provide a list of the issues for each property. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve contingent upon correcting the minor issues; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-300)

Special Events – Graduation party – Cynthia Rangel, 2649 163rd Pl. - July 11, 2026. Requesting to block next to the house on Alexander to the alley. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-301)

Special Events – Block party – Tracie Willis, 1111 Conkey St. June 27, 2016 - 1100 block of Conkey St. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-302)

Special Events – Birthday parties – Tamara Bunch, 1106 Drackert – Block Howard at Drackert to the alley. June 6, 2027. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. August 7, 2027 Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. August 28, 2027 Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-303)

Special Events – Block party – Brandon Alsterda, 3816 Robinhood Lane – July 4, 2026 corner of 173rd & Ohio to corner of Ohio and Robinhood Lane. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-304)

Special Events – St. Margaret Church, 1445 Hoffman St., Corpus Christi Church Procession. June 7, 2026. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-305)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-306)

Late Business License Hearing – Unisex Sockz/Studio Designs. Velita harper appears. Late for 24-25, 25-26, and 26-27. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-307)

Resolution and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission and Town of Highland for Mutual Benefit for 2026 Paving and Improvements to 179th Street in Highland. Mr. Smith advises this is an important access for the city and appreciates Dean obtaining the reduce rate which the city will pay 1/3 and there might be some adjustments to the agreement. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-308)

Under Old Business, Status – 847 117th – Mr. Smith states HVAC was done, water department was coming out to put in the buffalo box, 6-8 weeks for heated floor, mechanical inspections were coming. Ms. Ashley Ciers Hoffman appears and states the manifold came in but the drywall is the issues. Hoosier Boys is not honoring their contract, down payment was made and now she has to sue. She had to take all the drywall down and got a bid for new drywall but are waiting on some funds. Mr. Long advises her to let the city know when things happen. Mr. Smith states Jordan is waiting on the mechanical inspection and needs to get done. Mr. Polak states this is needed to complete the plumbing inspection but the heated floor will need to have the water on for the system to be operational to finalize. Ms. Ciers states she received a bid from Dave Clouse so she is waiting on funds, this is the holdup. Mr. Polak states the plumbing permit pulled, insulation of the buffalo box, final inspection on that to get the water service on, final mechanical inspection and at point he will do a walk through. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on August 13, 2026; concurred by Mr. Long.

Special Events – Pastor Adraine Lee, 819-21 Cherry St., June 20, 2026. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-309)

Special Events – Live in the Ville – Jaime Prieto. June 12-June 13, 2026. Mr. Prieto states there was a change in the street closures, Kennedy Avenue from 173rd to Orchard Drive. Mr. Kalina suggests using lighted barricades near the stage. The Park Board approved using a small portion of Hessville Park, no alcohol in park, alcohol in the fenced in beer garden only. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-310)

Late Rental Registration Hearings, 1135 Hoffman St. Owner and daughter appear.
Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-311)

7107 Alexander Ave. (2) – Owner does not appear. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to
assess the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-311)

6403 Jefferson Ave. (4) - Owner appears. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the
late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-311)

1571 178th St. Owner appears. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee;
concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-311)

7746 Columbia Ave. Owner appears. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late
fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-311)

3335 175th Place - Owner does not appear. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to assess the
late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-311)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr.
Kalina to adjourn; concurred by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:50
a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary