BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JULY 23, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 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 July 9, 2016 and July 23, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Jeffery Long, Chief of Police recommending the approval of Officer Luis Collazo to receive Spanish Speaking Specialty Pay effective July 24, 2026 and an officer has been reinstated and taken off Paid Administrative Leave. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. 2-0-1 abstained. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-433)

Correspondence received from Bernie Grisolia, Fire Chief requesting the Board to declare an emergency to purchase apparatus equipment for Engine 8. The current apparatus which is from 2006 is no longer being manufactured and parts are essentially impossible to obtain and the Sales Contract with Fire Services, Inc. for the KME (Stock Unit #11848) Side Mount 750 gallon pumper mounted on a Panther Chassis. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-434)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of $1,300 of CIB Funding to allocated for the Memorial Park – Street Dedication and Supplemental Agreement for professional services with American Structurepoint. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-435)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of $11,400 of CIB Funding to allocated for the of the Change-in-Services Proposal for the Entry Air Curtain at Sportsplex from American Structurepoint. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-436)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of $168,000 of CIB Funding to allocated for the Letter of Proposal from DCCM Engineers for the design services and railroad coordination. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-437)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the Agreement Regarding Construction of Downtown Station with Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District. Mr. Smith requests approval and forward to Mr. Nolan. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-438)

Correspondence received from Dean Button recommending the approval of $110,465.97 of CIB Funding to allocated for the Walnut Avenue Alley Drainage Project and for the project to be awarded to Dyer Construction Co. who was the lowest, responsive and responsible quoter. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-439)

Correspondence received from the Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device license for Good Times Charles, El Taco Real, Frankie V's Bar & Grill, Toms Billards/Rhims Pool Hall and Optimist Club of Hammond. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-440)

Correspondence received from the Controller's Office requesting approval of the 2026 Stop-Loss Insurance Contract with United Healthcare. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-441)

Correspondence received from Kathleen Ramirez, 6521 Idaho Ave. requesting an Autistic Child sign to be placed in front of her home for her son. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to Engineering; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-442)

Under New Business, Funding Allocation Form requesting $40,000 of the 4th District Gaming Fund to be allocated for tree removal by Howard's Tree Service. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-443)

Notice to Owners of Affected Property located at 116 Sibley St., a/k/a 5210 Hohman Avenue. The Board acknowledged. (Ins. No. 26-445)

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. 26-446)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve except 6739 Nebraska; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-447)

Under Old Business, Status – 1644, 1648-52, 1654-58 & 1670 175th Street. Mr. Long advises this matter was taken under advisement on July 9, 2026 and the Board affirms the Order to Rescind/Demolish. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-448)

Status – 4934 Ash – Mr. Polak advises there has been no progress and the contractor needs to call in for a final. Owner Mr. Jackson said he is waiting on the contractor. Mr. Jackson is advised to contact his contractor to make this happen so property can be removed from the demolition list. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status for July 30, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 6826-28 Kennedy Ave. (OTA). Owner does not appear. Mr. Polak advises the plumbing and electrical failed and recommends one week for an order to appear. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status for July 30, 2026 with an order to appear; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 6102-04 Kennedy Ave. (OTA) – Owner appears and states she is inquiring about façade for the building, hasn't decided exactly yet what she will be doing with the building but would like half of it for storage and believes she will be done in six months. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status for October 22, 2026; 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 9:25 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: ______________________
Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:

Linda Norville

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Linda Norville, Board Secretary