BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, September 3, 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 defer the Minutes of the meeting of August 27, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads, Mr. Button advises the railroad is working at Michigan and Cline Avenue which will be closed for 16 days starting September 8, 2026.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Christopher Gootee, Assistant Chief of Police recommending the approval of a disciplinary action. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to acknowledge and request a rights of appeal letter be sent; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-523)

Under Matters from other Board Members, Ms. Greenwell makes a motion to approve Addendum 2 - Looks Great Services of MS, Inc.; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-524)

Under New Business, Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 6826-28 Kennedy Ave. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-525)

Agreement with Northwest Indiana Hospital, LLC d/b/a NW Indiana ER & Hospital for medical screening services with the Hammond Fire Department submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-526)

Neighborhood Special Event – Jaime Gonzalez, 7435 Tapper, Block Party September 19, 2026 from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. Requesting to block the corner of 174th Place and the corner alley of 7435 Tapper Ave. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve until 10PM; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-527)

Gas Station Exemption Hearing – 4508 Calumet Ave. - Nice & Easy Mini Mart. Mr. Whitham and Mr. Singh appear. Mr. Smith states his records state ADA needed to be completed and FUSUS. Mr. Novak advised putting a ramp in the meantime. Mr. Smith states this is a privileged to open under the ordinance with conditions in place. Mr. Witham states they might have changes within the next two years. Mr. Long states the city cannot wait that long. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on October 1, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-528)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve except 7121 Howard; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-529)

Under Old Business, Status – 1219 150th St. – Owner present and states all inspections complete and updated photos. Mr. Polak states progress is being made, they are about 75% complete and mostly cosmetics need to be completed. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on November 5, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 3731 Nebraska – Mr. Rovy appears via Zoom and states he is making progress. Mr. Polak provides photos, the complaints have slowed down and requests a 45-day status. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on November 5, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 7238 McCook – Mr. Smith states this was fire damages, presents photos. Mr. Smith will need to update the title work and a demo hearing will be set. No Action.

Demolition Hearing – 1921 Davis (Clark School) – Mr. Smith states Mr. Harris withdrew and Nathan Vis has entered. Mr. Vis had a conflict and request a continuance. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for October 22, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-530)

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 9:30 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Tinisha Greenwell, Vice President

ATTEST:

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Linda Norville, Board Secretary