BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 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 approve the Minutes of the meetings of August 27, 2026 and September 3, 2026; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads, Mr. Button requests the approval of the Change Order No 4 for the Hohman Phase 2 project for the bike lane pavement markings in the amount of $7,796.60. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-531)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Jeffery Long, Chief of Police requesting the transfer of Officer Jonathan Kerr from the Uniform/Patrol Division to the Detective Bureau effective September 8, 2026 with pay adjustments. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-532)

Correspondence received from Christopher Gootee, Assistant Chief of Police requesting approval of the Declaration of Property as Worthless for certain obsolete equipment. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-533)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of $22,000 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Supplemental Design of 165th Street from Kennedy to Kentucky and Michigan Street from Hohman to Calumet and Supplemental Agreement with First Group Engineering. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-534)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of $2,500 of CIB Funding to be allocated for Change Request for Memorial Park with American Structurepoint to provide staking for utility service locations. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-535)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of $59,800 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the US41/Calumet Avenue at Eaton Conversion to Two-Way Westbound between Calumet and the alley east of Calumet and Agreement for professional services with United Consulting. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-536)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of $75,000 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Supplemental Sidewalk Program with J&J Newell Concrete. Mr. Button states this is for the sidewalk at Clark Fields subdivision. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-537)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of $3,350 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the supplemental work on Hohman Avenue Phase 2. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-538)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of Change Nos. 3, 4 and 6 for the Hammond Downtown Train Station Project. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-539)

Correspondence received from Bernard Grisolia, Fire Chief recommending the following promotions: Senior Captain Eric Jaeger to be promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief-Drillmaster and Captain Ronald Gonsiorowski to be promoted to the rank of Senior Captain, both effective September 9, 2026; Engineer 1 Jeremy Patton to be promoted to the rank of Captain effective September 24, 2026; Engineer 1 Matthew McBroom to be promoted to the rank of Captain effective September 10, 2026; Assistant Chief – Drillmaster Ryan Anguiano to be reassigned to the rank of Engineer 1 effective September 13, 2026 and Private Scott Hemmerich to be promoted to the rank of Engineer 1 effective September 10, 2026. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. N5o. 26-540)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Kalina recommends the approval for the Amended Salt Contract; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-541)

Under New Business, Environmental Restrictive Covenant regarding 8 Rimbach Street submitted for approval. Mr. Ron Novak states this is to prevent any residential, childcare or educational to be build on the property. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-542)

Right of Way Permits (2) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-543)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-544)

Special Events Application – Purdue Northwest Honors College 5K Walk – Saturday, October 24, 2026 with Hammond Police approval. Requesting to waive the application fee. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 26-545)

Under Old business, Status – 7412 McCook – Mr. Polak states there has been complications with emailing the rehab agreement and requests that owners can start working. No Action.

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. Button recognizes former City Engineer Jan Verkaik in the audience.

Chris Moore, NIES Engineering advises for informational purposes, Traffic Management will have lane restrictions on Indianapolis Blvd. Mr. Button states this will improve visibility. (Ins. No. 26-546)

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 9:24 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Tinisha Greenwell, Vice President

ATTEST:

Linda Norville
Linda Norville, Board Secretary