BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 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 September 24, 2026; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters from other Department Heads, Mr. Smith acknowledges the issues with IT for the live video. Mr. Button reminds that NICTD is working on Sheffield and will be diverting Security Transport to 141st until Tuesday.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of $33,790.22 of CIB Funding to allocated for the Emergency Vehicle Preemption Design. Mr. Button states this is for the first invoice. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-575)

Correspondence received from Luka Farris from Figurati Pictures requesting permission for student filming at various public locations in Hammond on the weekends of October 2, 2026 and October 9, 2026. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-576)

Correspondence received from Mrs. Ormes, 4204 Dearborn Ave. requesting "residential only parking" signs to be placed along the side street due to individuals parking in front of her driveway access. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to Engineering; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-577)

Correspondence received from Christopher Gootee, Assistant Chief of Police requesting approval to dispose of obsolete vehicles that are no longer in serviceable condition or of use to the department and recommending they be removed from the city's inventory and auctioned in accordance with state law. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve contingent upon corporation counsel review; seconded by Mr. Kalina. 2-0-1 abstained. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-578)

Under New Business Change Order No. 1 from JM Industrial Services for the demolition project at 821 Michigan Street due to asbestos abatement work needed in the amount of $15,755.00. Mr. Kearney states this is for the asbestos abatement for the building. Mr. Smith states this was an emergency according to 36-7-9-9. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-579)

Amended 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 the Amended Agreement to the August 31, 2025 contract; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-580)

Right of Way Permits (4) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-581)

Neighborhood Special Events – Maggie Nolan, 7205 Knickerbocker Parkway requesting permission to use the parkway across from her residence on November 7, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. with no street closure. Mr. Smith requires more clarification as to how much space and the band. Mr. Long to call. No action. (Ins. No. 26-582)

Special Events – Martin Navejas requesting to close the alley between Paul Henry and the Towle Theater on October 17, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. for artists to display and sell their work. Mr. Smith states this is considered the arts alley, usually no insurance is required. Would like to know if Jen Bussey from Hammond Development aware. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve contingent upon the answers; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-583)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-584)

Under Old Business, Gas Station Exemption – 4508 Calumet. Mr. Witham and Mr. Singh appear. Mr. Smith wants to clarify Mr. Witham's concern of preemptive state law. Mr. Smith advises the city has an ordinance in place for being open from midnight to 4AM which have specific criteria and is considered a privilege to be open. Mr. Novak states there is no space for the bathroom to be ADA approved but everything else is completed. Mr. Smith addresses concerns in the future and the city will waive this requirement in this unique situation. Mr. Witham states they are looking into building a new facility. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 26-585)

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 9:22 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:_____
Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:

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Linda Norville, Board Secretary