BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2026, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Greenwell – present; Mr. Kalina – absent.

Due to the absence of Mr. Kalina, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Under Conflict of Interest, Mr. Long will not participate in police matters.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Jeffery Long, Chief of Police requesting the approval for Officer Julian Gonzalez to receive the Certified Breath Test Operator Specialty Pay effective October 9, 2026; and Officer David Miller shall be promoted to the rank of 1st Class Patrolman effective October 28, 2026. Deferred to next week. (Ins. No. 26-586)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of $303,500 of CIB Funding to allocated for the Marquette Greenway Trail Construction Engineering and corresponding Agreement. Mr. Button states this is an 80/20 payout which city will be reimbursed. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-587)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the Lawndale Lighting Project Change Order No. 1 with Hawk Enterprises in a credited amount. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-588)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of $18,040 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Hohman Avenue Phase 2 Project to Install Street/Median Trees on Hohman. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-589)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of $85,732.08 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Repairs to East Stairs at Civic Center. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-590)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of $18,300 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the 173rd Street Pedestrian Crossing Study and Agreement for professional services with VS Engineering. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-591)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of $94,000 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Lyman Avenue Drainage Project and approval to award the quote to Grimmer Construction Co. who was the lowest, responsive and responsible quoter. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-592)

Correspondence received from City of Whiting requesting "no parking" signs to be posted on the 1900 block of Davis (east side) and 1900 block of Stanton Ave. (west side) on Friday December 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM for their Annual Christmas Parade. Additionally, requesting EMA and/or Hammond Police to aid in traffic control. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-593)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Smith states he has a couple properties that are not on the agenda and would like to hear them.

847 117th – Ms. Ashley appears via Zoom. She states the buffalo box is in and Inspector Abel said the reconnect is fine. Mr. Lewter stated he will call to make sure it is on. Mr. Smith advises what else will be completed. Ms. Ashly states once the water is turned on they can work on the drywall. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on October 29, 2026; concurred by Mr. Long.

6530 Arkansas. Owner appears and is still working on the property. Antonio Perez helped remove the trees but he has not worked on the roof as of yet. He did drop supplies off but she hasn't heard from him in a few weeks, working on the exterior debris. Inspections will follow up with to check on the contractor. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on October 29, 2026; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under New Business, Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 410 Waltham submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve and set for status on December 11, 2026; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-594)

Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement with Hammond Redevelopment Commission to transfer property located at 727 Sibley and 729 Sibley submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Res. No. 26-4216) (Ins. No. 26-595)

Agreement to Purchase Real Property located at 711 Sibley St. submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-596)

Right of Way Permits (6) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-597)

Request for 2 "Dead End" signs to be placed on the 6900 Block of Arkansas for safety issues. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to defer to Engineering; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-598)

Late Business License Hearing – Auto Value Hammond, 6920 Kennedy Ave. Mr. Wierenga appears via Zoom. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-599)

Addendum No. 5 with Looks Great Services of MS to increase not to exceed limit. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-600)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-601)

Under Old Business, Status – Residential Parking request – 4204 Dearborn. Mr. Button recommends Residential Only Parking Signs to be placed along the south side of 142nd Street from the southwest radius to the west end of the curb. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-602)

Neighborhood Special Events – permission to hold a celebration at the parkway directly across the residence at 7205 Knickerbocker Parkway. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-603)

Status - 434 Vine. Owner does not appear. Mr. Polak advises there was an interior inspection and a rough building inspection. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on October 22, 2026; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 26-

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; concurred by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:

Linda Norville
Linda Norville, Board Secretary