BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2024

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2024, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Greenwell – absent; Mr. Kalina – present.

Due to the absence of Ms. Greenwell, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to defer the Minutes of the meeting of May 30, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of Change Order No. 20 – Time Extension - with Reith-Riley Construction submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-297)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting $32,400.00 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Hohman Avenue Reconstruction – Change Order No. 21 – Towle Theater Vaulted Sidewalk with Reith-Riley Construction submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-298)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting $62,500.00 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the 2024-2 CCMG – Columbia Avenue 167th to Summer Street – Design and Agreement for Professional Services with United Consulting submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-299)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting $72,700.00 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the 171st Street Extension – Design and Agreement for Professional Services with Lochmueller Group submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-300)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting $100,000.00 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Grant Writing Assistance and Agreement with Egis BLN USA, Inc. submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-301)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval for the Request for Proposals for the City of Hammond Station Square. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-302)

Correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval of the retirement of Sergeant Joseph Martinez who has served the citizens of Hammond for more

than 21 years, effective the close of business on June 8, 2024; and requesting the following Officers to receive Spanish Speaking Specialty Pay retroactive to May 22, 2024: Alonso Lopez, Edgar Martinez, Anthony Armijo and Daniel Heredia. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-303)

Correspondence received from Bernie Grisolia, Fire Chief requesting the approval for the promotion of Battalion Chief, Daniel Diombala be promoted to the rank of A/C Drill Master retroactive to June 1, 2014. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-304)

Correspondence received from the Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device license for Frankie V's Bar & Grill. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-305)

Correspondence received from Felix Gonzales, Director requesting to close Columbia Bridge south at 175th Street and River Drive on June 11, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for tree trimming. Mr. Smith requests that notification be posted. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-306)

Correspondence received from Captain Tom Strabavy requesting to close off the 7000 block of Meadow Lane for the Annual Greekfest and requesting four (4) barricades starting June 7, 2024 at the close of business and to be picked up the morning of June 10, 2024 submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-307)

Correspondence received from Unilever requesting to have on-street parking along Calumet Avenue (north of Indianapolis Blvd., on both the east and west side of the street) the from June 10-19, 2024 due to an upcoming factory outage. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-308)

Under New Business, Agreement to Purchase Real Estate for property located at 5529 Walter Ave. submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-309)

Amendment to Agreement for the Collection and Process of Residential Recyclables submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this is an extension with Republic. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-310)

Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with Hammond Port Authority Regarding Payment of Invoices regarding the Milling and Paving of Thomas M. McDermott, Sr. Way submitted for approval. Mr. Smith requests the Board to approve the invoices and send to Port Authority for payment. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-311)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish property located at 1427 Sherman St. submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this was for the garage only and partial payment since it has been titled several times since recorded. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-312)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish property located at 6715 Alexander submitted for approval. Mr. Smith requests to forward to owner to record. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-313)

Right of Way Permits (4) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-314)

Plat of Survey for the Central Fire Addition submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-315)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-316)

Request for advertising dates of June 20, 2024 and June 27, 2024 with a bid opening of July 11, 2024 for the demolition of 6827 Kennedy Ave. submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. Res. No. 24-4171 (Ins. No. 24-317)

Under Old Business, Demolition of 6411 Harrison – Mr. Kearney states one of the owners appeared last week, no one appears today but they have a new buyer who wants to rehab and requests additional 30 days. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on July 11, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status - Demolition of 54 Mason (Owner's request) Brenda Bergin appears and states she doesn't live there and did not receive notice and would like to sell for someone to rehab. Mr. Smith advises her to check with Kelly regarding an inspection. No action.

Status – 1463 Indianapolis Blvd. – Mr. Smith states there is a valid rehab agreement, slow work and requests a status. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on September 12, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 941 Reese – No one appears. Mr. Smith states the rehab expired June 1st and states there has been progress and requests a status. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on September 12, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 6333 Garfield. Owners appear with sign language interpreter. Mr. Smith states the Board waived the bond and there has been progress, requests a new rehab agreement and

status date. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on September 12, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 30 Warren - Mr. Smith requests a new status date. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on September 12, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Late Rental Registration Hearings, 621 Burton – Owner appears. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-318)

6651 Howard, 6649 Alabama, 7116 Missouri - Owner appears. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to assess the late fee for Howard and Alabama and waive Missouri; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-318)

928 Highland – Owner appears. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee for 23/24; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-318)

1647 Myrtle – Ms. Ann Schutz appears and states father passed away and brother lives in one unit. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee and complete affidavit; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-318)

7504 Madison – Owner appears. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-318)

1943 Superior - Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-318)

243 Ogden St., 251 Ogden St. (3), 4612 Oak Ave. - Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-318)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Kalina to adjourn; concurred by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:
Linda Norville, Board Secretary