BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2024

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Greenwell – present; Mr. Kalina – present.

Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve the Minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the Agreement for Professional Services with United Consulting Engineering in the total amount of \$604,100.00 with Hammond's 20% match of \$120,820.00 for the Kennedy Avenue Road Diet from 164th Place to the Indiana Toll Road. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-338)

Correspondence received from Egis recommending bid for the Indianapolis Blvd. and Hammond Sportsplex Roadway and Traffic Signal be awarded to Milestone Construction who appears to be the low bidder in the amount of \$1,029,076.73. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-339)

Correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval of the resignation of Corporal Carina Acevedo effective the close of business on June 11, 2024. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-340)

Correspondence received from Ron Novak requesting the approval of the Proposed License Agreement Renewal with Do-All Village, Inc. and its representative, EnviroForensics, LLC to allow access to city property located at 837 Hoffman Street to perform work. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-341)

Correspondence received from Felix Gonzalez, Director of Public Works requesting certain vehicles be transferred from the Park Department asset list to the MVH/Street Department asset list. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-342)

Under New Business, Mobile Vendor – Sweet Glee/HDC Community Kitchen - requesting to operate in residential district. Ms. Olga Cruz appears to operate her ice cream truck through the city from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m./ 7 days a week weather permitting. Mr. Long advised her to keep moving and keep the sound down. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-343)

Acknowledgement of Notice to Owners of Affected Property located at 712 Highland Street and 6044 Erie Avenue. Acknowledged (Ins. No. 24-344)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-345)

Funding allocation Request Form requesting \$43,000 of 3rd District Gaming Fund be allocated for the Civic Center Parking Lot submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-346)

Funding allocation Request Form requesting \$50,000 of 3rd District Gaming Fund be allocated for the Harrison Park Pond Project submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-347)

Unsafe Building Demolition Liens for properties located at 2831 Orchard Drive, 1806 Brown Avenue, 6724 Woodmar Avenue and 4407 Baltimore Avenue submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-348)

Under Old Business, Status – 4919 Pine Ave. - Mr. Lewter advises he is waiting on a final inspection and requests additional 30 days. Mr. Smith requests if it is complete, to prepare a rescind order for the status. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on July 25, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 7247-49 Indianapolis Blvd. Mr. Lewter advises that a local property manager is handling and there has been no movement. Mr. Smith states the Order was entered on April 12th and will keep moving to bid out. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on July 11, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 1152 Michigan - Mr. Steve Meeker states Chase Bank owns the property and Al Perez from Preferred Homes is the buyer and should be closing very soon. The grass should have been cut on Monday or Tuesday. Mr. Smith states the potential buyer has a history of getting a property and flipping it but doesn't want to sit with the property in the condition it is in for too long without a demo order on it and would like Mr. Perez to let us know what his intentions are once he obtains the property. Mr. Meeker states he plans to fix it and turn it into a rental. Mr. Smith suggests one more continuance and a 2-week status for July 11 and 1) would like him to pay for the inspection and 2) what is Mr. Perez's plan. Mr. Smith states that if it is not closed by July 11th, he will ask to record the order and requests Mr. Perez to appear on July 11, 2024. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on July 11, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 7235 Calumet Ave. Mr. Smith states this is the property where there is litigation regarding the land contract. Mr. Farrell states they have not been able to address the issues with the building. Mr. Smith suggests to set a status next week and notify both attorneys of the hearing. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on June 28, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 52 Carroll – Mr. Schultz states there was an electrical inspection and found this to be a 4-unit with no permits pulled and should be a single-family home. Owner is okay with the change and requests to affirm the order. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to affirm the order; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-349)

Under Rental Registration Hearings, 6730 Waveland Ave. Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-350)

4632 Henry Ave. – Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-350)

844 Wilcox – Owner does not appear. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to assess the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-350)

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. Wayne Duncanson appears and states there is a lot of northbound traffic in the alley of the 6900-7000 blocks of Magoun, which is a one way southbound. Mr. Duncanson is requesting that more one-way signs be posted. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to the Street Department; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-351)

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 9:35 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:

Jeffer Long, President

ATTEST

Linda Norville, Board Secretary