

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2021, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present; Mr. Perez – present.

Motion by Mr. Long to defer the Minutes of the meeting of April 29, 2021, May 6, 2021 and May 12, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, requesting \$205.44 of Capital Improvement Board (CIB) funding be allocated for an arrow board not originally anticipated in the Purdue Refuge Island project. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer said the work is federally funded. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-325)

Correspondence received from Mr. Mark Gordish, Engineering Department, requesting \$2,000,000.00 of CIB funding be allocated for the 2021 Hammond Overlay Program. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer said all streets have been evaluated. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-326)

Correspondence received from Mr. Button requesting \$600,000.00 of CIB funding be allocated for the Hammond Sidewalk Program. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer said this is an annual program. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-327)

Correspondence received from Mr. Button requesting \$460,000.00 of CIB funding be allocated for the Schneider Avenue Storm Sewer project. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer said this is based on engineers estimate of cost and Sanitary District may give some funding. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-328)

Correspondence received from Mr. Button requesting \$300,000.00 of CIB funding be allocated for the 2021 Pavement Preservation Program. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer said crack sealing is annually. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-329)

Correspondence received from Mr. Button requesting \$261,511.00 of CIB funding be allocated for Robertsdale Lead Remediation Environmental Consulting Phase 1 and 2. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer said consulting fee for Federated Metal remove about 18 parcels of contaminated soil. Mr. Smith, Corporation Counsel said Mr. Novak and himself went through agreement and there being a difference in the lead amounts here than in others such as East Chicago. This is the administration's attempt to move forward quickly so we can do it locally instead of relying on state or federal partners. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Perez.

AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-330)

Correspondence received from Mr. Button requesting \$60,000.00 of CIB funding be allocated for General Engineering Services with NIES Engineering. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-331)

Correspondence received from 1st District Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting the intersection of Lake Street and 114th Street be made a 4-way stop intersection. Motion by Mr. Long to send to Engineering for review and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-332)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Barry Tyler requesting a “No Parking from Here to Corner” sign be placed and curbs painted yellow from the alley to Kennedy Avenue on 162nd Place. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer said he agrees and to forward to Public Works for sign and striping curb lines. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-333)

Correspondence received from Mr. Chris Pajdzik, Inspector, Inspections Department, asking if the handrail placed in the City easement can remain on the pictured property. Motion by Mr. Long to defer June 17, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-334)

Correspondence received from Ms. Donna Muta, Special Events Coordinator, requesting street closure on the 5400 block of Oakley Street for the 2021 Festival of the Lakes Launch Party. Mr. Smith states this is on July 9 from 5:00 – 8:00 and will go from the edge of the stage on Douglas past 18<sup>th</sup> Street and doesn’t impact that business. Mr. Kalina will take care of barricades. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-335)

Correspondence and petition received from resident, Ms. Patricia Fuery, requesting “Residential Parking Only” signs to be placed on 118th Street and Caroline Avenue across from Forsythe Park. Chief Jeff Smith said people can’t park in front of their houses and block driveways. Motion by Mr. Long to forward to Public Works for signage to be put up; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-336)

Correspondence received from Ms. Myria Coleman requesting a rental registration hearing be re-heard as she failed to appear on June 3, 2021. Motion by Mr. Long to deny; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-337)

Correspondence received from Pastor Joey Miranda, Northgate Church, 2820 165th Street, requesting the alley at 165th Street and Kennedy Avenue be closed on June 20 and 27, 2021 and July 4 and 11, 2021 for outdoor church services. Motion by Mr. Long to defer to next

week to drive by; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-338)

Correspondence received from Mr. Aaron Eggers, First Baptist Church of Hammond, requesting permission to close Oakley Avenue from Sibley Street to Willow Court and a portion of State Street from 8:00 a.m., Monday, July 12, 2021 to 11:00 p.m. through Thursday, July 15, 2021 for their annual Youth Conference and the same street closures for their Spanish Conference beginning 8:00 a.m., Monday, June 21, 2021 through midnight on June 24, 2021. Motion by Mr. Long to approve and forward to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-339)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Long to set for July 22, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-340)

Correspondence received from Ms. Lee Ann Kornacki, requesting permission to place a banner, from July 10 through July 24, 2021, on the northwest corner of 169th Street and Kennedy Avenue for a benefit ride she is hosting for a Hessville resident who is currently in kidney failure. Motion by Mr. Long to defer to June 24, 2021 to supply picture and how big it's going to be; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-341)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf presents a Resolution Establishing the Policy by Which Members of the Hammond Board of Public Works and Safety May Participate by Electronic Means of Communication. Mr. Smith states the Governor's Public Health Emergency order will end July 1, 2021. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-342)

Under Old Business, Response received from Public Works regarding the request for a "Do Not Block Driveway" sign approved at the meeting of May 27, 2021. Motion by Mr. Long to affirm the denial of Public Works; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-343)

Request received from 18th Street Distillery to change the street closure date, previously approved on May 27, 2021, from Saturday, June 12, 2021 to Saturday, June 26, 2021. Motion by Mr. Long to approve and forward to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-344)

Under New Business, Bid opening – 5<sup>th</sup> District Lighting Project – Phase 5 – Arkansas Avenue from 175<sup>th</sup> Street to 173<sup>rd</sup> Street, California Avenue from 175<sup>th</sup> Street to 173<sup>rd</sup> Street and Colorado Avenue from 175<sup>th</sup> Street to 173<sup>rd</sup> Street. Hawk Enterprises - \$456,905.95; Midwestern Electric - \$449,754.7101. Motion by Mr. Long to approve and forward to Consulting Engineer and Engineering Department for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2845)

Request for advertising dates of June 17, 2021 and June 24, 2021 with a bid opening date of July 1, 2021 for 5th District Storm Water Improvements – Schneider Avenue and 171st Street. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2845)

Proposal for Environmental Services – Phase 1 and Phase 2 Remediation with EnviroForensics – Robertsdale Remediation Project. Mr. Ron Novak and Steve Hinshaw appeared. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-345)

Proposal for the engagement with Duff & Phelps for updated asset account records for internal accounting control and financial reporting services. Mr. Smith said this was requested by the Controller for updating. Ms. Jessica Cooper states Port Authority will be participating and will reimburse the City for their portion of contact. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-346)

Change Order No. 001 for the Purdue Refuge Island in the amount of \$205.44 for an arrow board. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-347)

Agreement with NIES Engineering, Inc. for general engineering services. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-348)

Right of Way Permits submitted for approval by the Engineering Department. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-349)

Disposal Authorization submitted by the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-350)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-351)

Rental registration hearing for property located at 626 116th Street through 630 116th Street. Property owner present. Mr. Nick Farrell said this is a 2 unit and owned since December, 201. Owner said always timely but didn't get notice. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-352)

Rental registration hearing for property located at 7050 Columbia Avenue. Property owner states 2 unit and father was ill in 2021. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Rental registration hearing for property located at 20 Highland Street and 1538 148th

Court. Property owner appears. Mr. Farrell said previously registered as six-unit property with owner occupying one unit. Lake County records show one family dwelling lot, homestead claimed, and 148<sup>th</sup> Court has an address in Florida. Issue with Highland as to homeowner address and units. Property owner states he is a snow bird and 20 Highland is sleeping rooms for over 30 years and has been inspected twice and passed by the City. Nick said there are no records of this and would like to have time to inspect. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2021 for 1538 148<sup>th</sup> and set status on 20 Highland St. for June 24, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Rental registration hearing for property located at 4234 Johnson Avenue. Fire Chief Jeffery Smith appears on behalf of owner because he has medical issues and can't make it. Owner was in hospital early 2021 and was unable to register. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Rental registration hearing for property located at 5625 Sohl Avenue. Property owner appears. Mr. Farrell said ownership began in March of 2018, hasn't registered since. Property owner states she got sticker on time for 2018, that sister moved in 2019 while doing repairs until she moved in 2020. Property has not been rented until May 1, 2021. Nick said no affidavit for exemption has been on file. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2019, 2020 and 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-356)

Rental registration hearing for property located at 7114 and 7116 Hohman Avenue. Property owner failed to appear. Motion by Mr. Long to apply the late fees for both properties for 2020 and waive the late fees for 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Rental registration hearing for properties located at 1032 177<sup>th</sup> Street, 1108 177<sup>th</sup> Street and 7133 Alexander Avenue. Property owner present failed to register. Motion by Mr. Long to wave the late fee waive on 1032 177<sup>th</sup> Street for 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. Motion by Mr. Long to wave the late fee waive on 1108 177<sup>th</sup> Street and 7133 Alexander Avenue for 2020 (if did not pay) and 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Rental registration hearing for property located at 1634 Calumet Ave. Property owner present which occupies one unit. Mr. Farrell requests the Board take no action and owner to sign affidavit since it is not occupied. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee as long as owner signs an affidavit; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Rental registration hearing for property located at 4818 Magnolia Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Long to apply the late fee; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Rental registration hearing for property located at 1460 Atlas Street. Property owner present. Mr. Farrell states single family home, owned since June 2010 and has a homestead exemption on property and requesting she sign the proper forms to remove homestead exemption. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee for 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Rental registration hearing for properties located at 934 State Street, 4932 Magnolia and 4839 Linden Avenue. Property owner present and said he sent check but sent back because it was received late for 2021. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee for all three properties; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Long to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Perez. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:



Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:

