

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2021. A roll call was taken: Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – absent; Mr. Perez – present.

Due to the absence of Mr. Long; normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 29, 2021; Mr. Perez concurred.

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, Capital Improvements Board (CIB), requesting \$62,820.00 CIB funding be allocated for JF Mahoney Drive Reconstruction Design. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-376)

Correspondence received from Mr. Button requesting \$74,578.00 of CIB funding be allocated for Florida Avenue Development – Roadway and Utility Design. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-377)

Correspondence received from Mr. Button requesting \$92,000.00 of CIB funding be allocated for 177th Street/Oxbow Road - 2900 block to 3300 block – Design Engineering. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-378)

Correspondence received from Mr. Button requesting \$199,700.00 of CIB funding be allocated for a Supplemental Agreement for Downtown Hessville/Kennedy Avenue Reconstruction – 165th Street to 169th Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-379)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, requesting a stop sign be re-installed at the eastbound Wildwood Street intersection with Hohman Avenue. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, said traffic must be returned to two (2) way traffic, as it had been one (1) way for a time. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-380)

Correspondence received from American Demolition Corporation requesting permission to place perimeter construction fencing along the curb on Eaton Street, Calumet Avenue and Highland Street around Hammond High School and no pedestrian traffic allowed on the existing walkway immediately adjacent to their work area for the duration of the demolition project. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 21-381)

Insurance Amendment – Gender Dysphoria – submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-382)

Correspondence received from a resident of the 1700 block of Davis Avenue requesting permission to host a block party on Saturday, July 3, 2021, with street closure and a request for barricades and picnic tables. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve and to inform that picnic tables must be obtained from the Park Department ; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-383)

Correspondence received from the Whiting Knights of Columbus requesting street closure of the first 250 feet of the 1900 block of Atchison Avenue to the entrance to the Knights of Columbus Hall on Thursday, July 22, 2021, Friday, July 23, 2021 and Saturday, July 24, 2021 for their Pierogi Fest Beer Garden. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-384)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for hearing on July 29, 2021; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-385)

Correspondence received requesting a hearing for a Business License. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for hearing on July 1, 2021; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-386)

Correspondence received from It's Just Serendipity requesting street closure, use of City equipment and permission to post signs for their Bike Swap & Shop, Sunday, July 25, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to defer this matter to July 1, 2021; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-387)

Correspondence received from Ms. Je'Taun Powell requesting permission to hold a block party on Sunday, July 4, 2021 from 6715 Alabama Avenue to 6723 Alabama Avenue with street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-388)

Correspondence received from the M.W. King Solomon Universal Grand Lodge Ancient York Masons requesting permission to hold their Annual St. John's Day cookout, Saturday, July 10, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to defer this matter to July 1, 2021; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-389)

Under New Business, Business License hearing – Krazy Kaplans. Business owner, Mr. Gregory J. Kaplan, appears Mr. Nick Farrell, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said Mr. Kaplan was unaware that the checks, for payment of 2020 licenses, did not clear for four (4) business addresses that had been sent to the City but never received. Mr. Farrell requested the late fee for 2020 be waived but payment of the licenses for 2021 deferred until after 2020 is paid. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-390)

Right of Way Permits submitted for approval by the Engineering Department. Mr. Mark Gordish, Engineering Department, advised one of NIPSCO's requests is a resubmission requesting permission to close two (2) southbound lanes on Columbia Avenue June 28, 2021 and June 29, 2021 for pole replacement. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-391)

Change Order No. 3 – Hammond Police Range Building. Mr. Button said the change order is for skirting around the base of the building at a cost of \$3,000.00 with funds coming from the Jail Fund. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-392)

Disposal Authorizations submitted by the Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-393)

Agreement to Facilitate Public Safety Services with the Hammond Fire Department for response on Cline Avenue to exempt emergency vehicles from paying tolls. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-394)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3526 170th Court. Property owner appears. Mr. Nick Farrell, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, appears for the City. Mr. Farrell said the property owner had always paid timely until 2019 but was resolved. Mr. Farrell advised that non-payment of 2021 was an oversight by the property owner. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2021; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-395)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6429 Kennedy Avenue and 6431 Kennedy Avenue. Property owner appears and said her son passed away in March of this year which is why she forgot to pay. Mr. Farrell said this property has a commercial space with three (3) units and the property owner lives in one (1) of the units. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2021; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-396)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-397)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 3837 Cameron Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-398)

Under Old Business, demolition status on property located at 847 117th Street and 4905 Linden Avenue. Mr. Farrell advised a demolition inspection has been done and the property owner will sign an Agreement to Rehabilitate 847 117th Street. Mr. Farrell then said permits have been issued for 4905 Linden Avenue. Mr. Farrell then requested both properties be set for status. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set these matters for status on August 26, 2021; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-399)

Status on rental registration for property located at 20 Highland Street. Mr. Farrell requested this matter be continued as an inspection has not been done. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set this matter for status on July 22, 2021; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-400)

Status on request to place a banner at the intersection of Kennedy Avenue and 169th Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long to allow placement of the banner on the northeast corner with permission from the property owner and there being no sight obstruction; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-401)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Wayne Duncanson requested the alley located behind 7015 Kennedy Avenue be closed on Saturday, August 21, 2021 for the Optimist Club's Wing Night. Mr. Duncanson said he has already spoken with neighbors who have no objection to the closure and he is also not in need of barricades. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-402)

Mr. Dean Button then requested the allocations for funding, heard at the beginning of the meeting, which had agreements attached with them but not approved, be approved now.

Mr. Button requested approval of the proposal with NIES Engineering, Inc. for Surveying and Engineering Services for the J.F. Mahoney Reconstruction Project – 174th Street to Parrish Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-403)

Mr. Button requested approval of the Proposal for Surveying and Engineering Services for the new Florida Avenue Design Project from Orchard Drive to 175th Street with NIES Engineering, Inc. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-404)

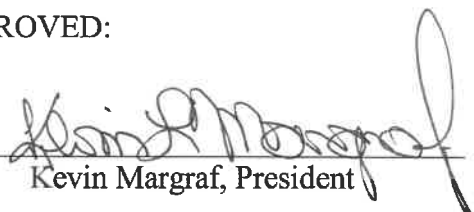
Mr. Button requested approval of the Agreement to Provide Services with HWC Engineering for Design Engineering – 177th Street/Oxbow Road from the 2900 block to the 3300 block. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-405)

Mr. Button then requested approval of the Supplemental Agreement for design services with Lochmuller Engineering for Downtown Hessville/Kennedy Avenue Reconstruction 165th Street to 169th Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-406)

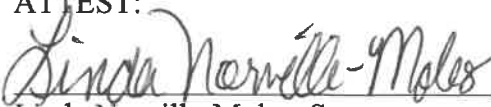
There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Long to adjourn; Mr. Perez concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Secretary