

## **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 8, 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 approve the Minutes of the meeting of May 27, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters from Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer states the Little Calumet River Basin in the process of cleaning debris is under Kennedy Avenue bridge and will have one lane restrictions.

Megan Flores, City Controller requesting purchase of heart monitors from the ambulance fund which is \$41,000 annually. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-439)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, Capital Improvement Board (CIB), requesting \$10,000.00 of CIB funding be allocated for design engineering services in the Hohman Avenue Restriping project – Douglas Street to 165th Street - with Abonmarche and corresponding contract submitted for approval. Mr. Button states this creates bike lanes in downtown. Motion by Mr. Long to approve the funding; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. Motion by Mr. Long to approve the contract; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-440)

Correspondence received from Mr. Button requesting \$7,950.00 of CIB funding be allocated for design engineering services with Advanced Engineering Services for geotechnical engineering services in the JF Mahoney Drive reconstruction and Florida Avenue construction design and corresponding contract submitted for approval. Mr. Button informs the company just moved to Hammond. Motion by Mr. Long to approve the funding; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-441)

Correspondence received from Mr. Button requesting \$317,765.00 of CIB funding be allocated for design engineering services in the Summer Street design – Phase 2 – Willis Avenue to Indianapolis Boulevard – with American Structurepoint and corresponding contract submitted for approval. Mr. Button gave a brief description. Motion by Mr. Long to approve the funding allocation; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. Motion by Mr. Long to approve contract; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-442)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police William A. Short requesting Correctional Officer Jackson McNamee receive a promotional raise effective June 22, 2021, Officer Jeremy Sandilla to receive K-9 Specialty Pay, effective June 17, 2021 and Word Made Flesh Ministries requesting permission to hold a Community Barbeque & Grill block party on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 700 Kane Street and the alley in back of their building be blocked. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion

carried. (Ins. # 21-443)

Correspondence received from 2nd District Councilman Pete Torres requesting \$25,000.00 of gaming funds be allocated for summer park activities and improvements. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-444)

Correspondence received from United Bridge Partners requesting permission to close the Cline Avenue Bridge beginning Friday, July 9, 2021 and continuing to October 4, 2021 for a planned overlay project. Motion by Mr. Long to approve detour route except July 16, 17 and 18; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-445)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery C. Smith requesting Sebastian Diaz, Bryce Czepinski, Kyle Dunlap and Adam Fulk be appointed to the Hammond Fire Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-446)

Correspondence received from Ms. Elizabeth Vasquez, 2650 162nd Place, requesting the demolition order placed on her garage be released. Mr. Kearney states the house is for sale and no work has been done and as long as the new owner knows subject to demolition order. Motion by Mr. Long to deny; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-447)

Correspondence received from Mr. Juan Huizar requesting a rental registration hearing set for July 29, 2021 be rescheduled to July 22, 2021 as he will be out of town. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-448)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Long submits a quest from Comcast to install internet for the gun range. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-449)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3837 Oak Crest Lane, 7150 Southeastern Avenue, 6602 Colorado Avenue, 257 Locust Street and 6257 Hohman Avenue. Mr. Farrell request this be resent to July 15, 2021. Motion by Mr. Long to set for July 15, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-450)

Emergency Demolition hearing on property located at 1219 150th Street. Mr. Smith and property owner appear. Mr. Smith states due to the condition a notice was posted, has significant damage and has been a problem to the neighbors for some time. Mr. Kearney states the east wall had fallen on Saturday and another wall fell on the sidewalk on Sunday. On Monday, there were no floors, windows broken out, unsafe for kids and first responders. Photos and inspection report are submitted. Mr. Kearney states the brick façade down, no floor, ceiling down, not able to get in to check the joists of the structure, he believes the main structure should be down. Mr. Smith states the clearing of the bricks should be cleared off public sidewalk as it is now blocked. Mr. Smith requests the Board grant the City's Emergency Order due to condition of the property and the danger to the public. Property owner states he doesn't make a lot of money, he tore the floor out, wanted to evaluate it, there are no broken windows, he has them airing out but with the storm, it wiped out the wall. He has insurance claim on it and had a buyer but they backed out due to the Notice on it. Would like to have a little leniency to be able to get this work done. He's owned it 5 years and current address is 1219 150<sup>th</sup> Street. Can't remember insurance name

but is to meet them on July 13 at the site. Mr. Smith states another storm can cause more damage. Mr. Long states that in the meantime the brick wall can fall, consider what could happen. Property owner states he put a 6 foot fence up and trying to clean it up. Mr. Kearney states that a permit will not be issued until they have a structural engineer report as it stands now, the building is unsafe. Mr. Kearney requests to be set in 2 weeks to get structure engineer report, may be zoning issues. Mr. Smith states the cleaning of the brick need to be done immediately within 7 days or the city will do it, status next Thursday. Motion by Mr. Long to grant City's request for an Emergency Demolition Order, set stats on July 15, 2021 as to brick cleanup, and hearing on July 29, 2021 for the structural engineer report; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-451)

Plat of the Resubdivision of Block Two Cabela's Gateway to the Addition to the City of Hammond submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-452)

Right of Way Permits submitted for approval by the Engineering Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-453)

Disposal Authorizations submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-454)

Certificate of Liability Insurance for Festival of the Lakes. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-455)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-456)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4818 Magnolia Avenue. Mr. Farrell states this is a single-family home and always on time. Property owner states he had surgery and was out of town until June 3, 2021. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-457)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1503 Myrtle Avenue. Property owner states he is hiring contractors, wants to remain a 3-unit and lives in one unit and the other unit is leased. Motion by Mr. Long to waive late fee; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-458)

Under Old Business, Status – First Extension to Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 252 – 54 Douglas Street. Mr. Kearney said work is being done – 5-unit to a single-family home. Mr. Smith states needing more time for extension Agreement. No action taken. (Ins. # 21-459)

Under Open to the Public, Patricia Williams, 1017 Cleveland, requesting block party at Coach's Corner for a back pack drive on July 24, August 1, and August 21, 2021. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-460)

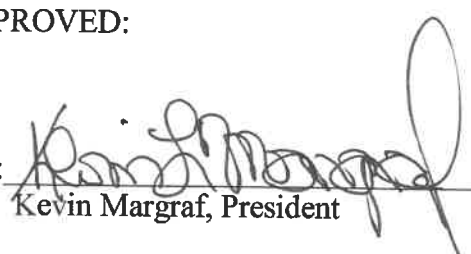
Mr. Button submits correspondence received from HWC Engineering recommending the bid for the 5<sup>th</sup> District Storm Water Improvements be awarded to the lowest, responsive and

responsible bidder, Gariup Construction in the amount of \$525,735.00. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. # 21-461)

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 10:11 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:

  
Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:

  
Linda Norville-Moles