

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, July 15, 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 June 3, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from 2nd District Councilman Pete Torres, 3rd District Councilman Barry Tyler, Jr., 4th District Councilman William Emerson, Sr. and 6th District Councilman Scott Rakos each requesting gaming funds be allocated for Design Engineering – Street Lighting Projects with VS Engineering at a cost of \$54,800.00 with corresponding agreement attached. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-461)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, President, Capital Improvement Board (CIB), requesting \$65,735.00 of CIB funding be allocated for Schneider Avenue Storm Sewer Construction. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-462)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Long to set for July 29, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-463)

Correspondence received from 1st District Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting speed limit signs be posted on 119th Street between Calumet Avenue and the entrance to Forsythe Park. Motion by Mr. Long that he and Lt. Vicari will reach out to Councilman Kalwinski regarding this request; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-464)

Correspondence received from Mr. Ed Cox, 605 Cherry Street, requesting street closure on Jackson Avenue between Spruce Street and Cherry Street, July 31, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a memorial for his father. Motion by Mr. Long to set for July 21; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-465)

Correspondence received from Ms. Jasmine Saavedra, 7 Wildwood Road, requesting barricades be placed on her lawn and sidewalk to prevent cars from driving through her front lawn going around barricades placed on the street. Mr. Perez said this was done this morning. (Ins. No. 21-466)

Correspondence received from Ms. Marsha Gonzalez, requesting permission to hold a block party on July 23, 2021 from noon to 9:00 p.m. on 171st Street between Woodlawn Avenue and Maplewood Avenue with street closure. Motion by Mr. Long to approve and forward to

Public Works; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-467)

Correspondence received from the Hammond City Plan Commission advising City owned property is within 300' of property petitioned to be rezoned at 584 Sibley Street. Mr. Smith states the need to talk to City Planner and forward to Mr. Kearney. Motion by Mr. Long to forward to Mr. Kearney for review and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-468)

Under New Business, disposal Authorizations submitted by the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-469)

A Resolution of the Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Hammond, Indiana, Reapproving A Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract, Authorizing the Financing or Refinancing Thereof and Other Related Matters. Ms. Megan Flores, City Controller stated 2017 and 2018 Energy Savings Projects Notes previously approved and looking forward to refinancing the first two notes and add an additional \$13,000,000 to start Phase 3 which include renovations for City Hall, Fire Stations, Redevelopment owned properties, Civic Center City Police Garage and Public Works. CIB will cover shortfall. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez, AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-470)

A Resolution of the Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Hammond, Indiana, Regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Itself and the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission. Mr. Smith states this is a great project. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-471)

Right of Way Permits submitted for approval by the Engineering Department. Mr. Gordish gives a brief description. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-472)

Site Access and License Agreement with Melody Cleaners of Hammond, Inc. submitted for approval. Mr. Novak gives a brief description. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-473)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-474)

Under Old Business, status on Emergency Demolition – 1219 150<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Smith states the board entered an emergency demolition order last week and owner was to remove the brick. Mr. Kearney states the brick has been cleaned up off the sidewalk and there is a clear path around the building. There is not structural engineer report. There is a potential buyer who want to turn it into a 2-3 unit and suggests they speak with Brian Poland. Mr. Smith states the structural engineer report is needed and would suggest the garage be taken down. Motion by Mr.

Long to affirm the Order and set status for the structural report to July 29, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-475)

Status on property located at 3837 Cameron Avenue (garage). Mr. Kearney states no work has been done except paint, rehab agreement was signed and good through September. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status for August 5, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21- 476)


Under Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. Button informs the Columbia Bridge over 80/94 bridge deck resurfacing bridge closed for 45 days beginning August 1, 2021.

Mr. Rich Hudson from Hammond NUPES requesting permission to block the 5900 block of Columbia Avenue for 15 minutes on August 28, 2021 from 12:15-12:30 p.m. to walk across street. Mr. Long will take care of. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; 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 9:34 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:

  
Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:

  
Linda Norville-Moles