

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, August 5, 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 17, 2021, June 24, 2021 and July 29, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under matters from Department Heads/Their Representative, Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, submits a Temporary Construction Workspace Easement (#45244-020TE) from Northern Indian Public Service Company. Mr. Button states this is a temporary easement for 402 165<sup>th</sup>, which is a vacant parcel. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-511)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, Capital Improvement Board (CIB), requesting \$50,000.00 of CIB funding be allocated for On-Call Geotechnical Services with Advanced Engineering Services and corresponding contract submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-512)

Correspondence received from Mr. Button requesting \$24,500.00 of CIB funding be allocated for professional services for the Fire Station Siting Study project with Shive-Hattery and corresponding contract submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-513)

Correspondence received from Mr. Button requesting \$97,600.00 of CIB funding be allocated for design engineering for State Line Cross Street Closures in the 3rd District with First Group Engineering and corresponding contract submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-514)

Correspondence received from Mr. Button requesting \$105,800.00 of CIB funding be allocated for the engineering services for resurfacing of 165th Street from Columbia Avenue to Summer Street with First Group Engineering and corresponding contract submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-515)

Correspondence received from Mr. Button requesting the approval of the Construction Contract for the 5th District Storm Water Improvement Project – Schneider Avenue with Gariup Construction Company for \$525,735.00. The project is being funded through a previously approved funding agreement by the Capital Improvement Board. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-516)

Correspondence received from EnviroForensics, LLC recommending the bid for the Removal and Replacement of Lead Impacted Soil Environmental Remediation project be awarded to the low, responsive and responsible bidder, Blue River Environmental and Restoration, Inc in the amount of \$375,965.00. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-517)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police William Short requesting approval of Officer Thomas Dillner being promoted to the rank of Sergeant effective July 27, 2021. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-518)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting approval of the retirement of Drillmaster Jeffrey Kochis effective August 7, 2021; requesting the promotion of Private David Weisz to the rank of Drillmaster effective August 9, 2021 and requesting the appointments to the Hammond Fire Department for Brandon Grasha and Samuel Gallardo, Jr. effective August 9, 2021. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-519)

Correspondence received from F. Mikolaj Markiewicz from Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine requesting approval for the Marian Bike Pilgrimage to be escorted through the City on Saturday, September 11, 2021. Correspondence from Chief of Police William Short granting permission. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-520)

Correspondence received from Principal Nancy Repay, St. John Bosco School requesting permission to place cones on 171st Place to encourage orderly flow of drop off and pick up each school day, Monday – Friday when school is in session between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., on Monday the afternoon time frame is 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. This request is for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-521)

Correspondence received from Step UP 4 Cancer is holding a fundraiser event at the former Aquavor Night Club and requesting permission to use the parking lots at Hohman and Rimbach, parking lot behind 5260 Hohman Avenue and parking lot between 5261 and 5259 Hohman Avenue. Additionally, requesting permission to park on Hohman Avenue between Russell Street and Rimbach for this event on Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Mr. Margraf states no permission to park on street and questions as to them having an occupancy permit because club has been closed. Mr. Smith questions issuance of occupancy permit. Mr. Kalina states they are working on a business license. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on August 12, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-522)

Correspondence received from BP Pipelines requesting permission to work in the right of way along Wicker Avenue, south of 169th Street. Mr. Button states this was an urgent exploration from BP Pipelines, was given the approval and are working on it. Requesting it being submitted as a matter of record. Board acknowledges. (Ins. No. 21-523)

Under New Business, Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 36 Locust Street. Mr. Smith states this was a problem property and it under new ownership. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-524)

Disposal Authorizations submitted by the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-525)

Late Rental Registration Appeal Hearing Request Forms submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to set for August 26, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-526)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-527)

Hearing - Late Rental Registration - 6546 Grand Avenue. Property owner appears. Mr. Farrell states this is a new ownership since April, 2021, 2-unit with 1 owner occupied and needs tenant update information. Motion by Mr. Long to approve subject to tenant update; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-528)

Hearing – Late Rental Registration - 4227 Grover Avenue. Mr. Farrell states this is a single-family home owned since 2016 and was late in 2019 and 2021. Property owner present and states he thought the deadline was extended. Motion by Mr. Long to waive late fee for 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-529)

Under Old Business, Status – rental registration – 20 Highland. Mr. Farrell states this is a rooming house and is scheduled to be inspected on August 20, 2021 by Mr. Farrell, Fire Department and Inspector and requesting status after this date. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on August 26, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-530)

Status – Finding & Order – 2115 Lincoln Ave. Mr. Pajdzik states he has had no communication with owner, owner was aware and requests the Board approve the submitted Findings & Order. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-531)

Status – 4407 Baltimore Ave. Mr. Farrell states the Order to Repair/Demolish is before the Court today requesting authority to inspect. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on September 23, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-532)

Status – Jimenez Auto Repair. Mr. Smith states Mr. Molina is here with his client and has submitted plans to Planning Department and has purchased the property on Hohman Avenue. Mr. Molina states they are making progress to purchase property. Mr. Smith suggested to get an appoint with Mr. Poland because the BZA only meets once a month. Mr. Long states there have been no complaints and to please continue. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on October 7, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-533)

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. Tony Scott states there are problems with the next door neighbor at 16 Williams, the fence is coming down, dog feces that no one picks up which neighbors can smell, headboard in yard, street sign was taken down, need police patrol between the hours of 1:45 – 3:00 a.m. because someone is walking around pulling on car door handles, and 26-32 Williams need lights because it is too dark. Mr. Farrell indicated he will have inspector update, Mr. Long states he will send Animal Control over and notify patrol. Mr. Perez will take care of the sign. Ms. Scott also said vehicles are coming down the one way. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on August 19, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Councilman Torres advises the street sign was removed on the 5500 block of Beal.

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 9:44 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:

  
Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:

  
Linda Norville-Moles