

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, August 19, 2021, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present; Mr. Perez – absent.

Due to the absence of Mr. Perez, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve the Minutes of the meeting of July 1, 2021 and July 8, 2021; Mr. Margraf concurred.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, Capital Improvement Board (CIB), requesting \$44,500.00 of CIB funding be allocated for design engineering services - Alexander Avenue Project – between 167th Street to Martha Street - with American Structurepoint and corresponding contract submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 21-545)

Correspondence received from William A. Short, Hammond Police Chief requesting the approval of officers Gabriel Nava, Albert Hulitt, Thomas Uszakow and Michael Rivera being promoted to the rank of 1st Class Patrolman effective August 8, 2021 with pay adjustments. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 21-546)

Correspondence received from Andrea Pleasant requesting permission to hold a block party on August 28, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on 172nd Street with street closure. Bouncy house will be on private property. Mr. Smith states the Law Department will be creating a sheet of rules for residents to sign. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 21-547)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set for September 2, 2021; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 21-548)

Under New Business, Amendment to the Hammond Fire Department Rules and Regulations, Section 12, Item R to reflect grooming and personal hygiene submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 21-549)

Approval of Banner Sign on the Public Way – Bank Calumet Building. Mr. Smith states the Board of Works can allow signs to be up for more than 30 days. Recommendation by Mr. Long to allow sign to be up for 120 days and set status on December 9, 2021; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 21-550)

Right of Way Permits (3) submitted for approval by the Engineering Department. Right of Way Permits (4) from Northern Indiana Public Service Company submitted for approval

by the Engineering Department contingent on the preconstruction meeting prior to the start of any NIPSCO work and will include all interested entities. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 21-551)

Access Agreement with Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District for property located at 425 Sibley Street submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 21-552)

Disposal Authorizations submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 21-553)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 21-554)

Rental registration for the properties located at 6741 Columbia Ave. - recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee; Mr. Margraf concurred; 2733 - 173rd St. - recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee for 2020; Mr. Margraf concurred; 6613 Colorado Ave. (2 units) - recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee for 2020; Mr. Margraf concurred; 7508 Beech Ave. - recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee 2021; Mr. Margraf concurred; 7729 Birch Dr. - recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee for 2020 and homestead need to be removed; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 21-555)

Under Old Business, Status – Step Up 4 Cancer – requesting permission to use the parking lots in the downtown area. Mr. Long states he spoke with the them and they know the rules and the Police Department is aware. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve parking until midnight; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 21-556)

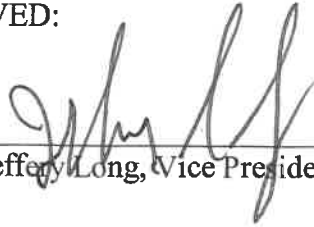
Status on 16-18 William St. – Mr. Castro took pictures, issued citations to the owner and tenant. Mr. Long states Animal Control went there and was satisfied with the yard. (Ins. No. 21-557)

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. Scott is present and status he saw them pickup up and the smell is coming in the yard and he is not out to get anyone and just wants his block to look nice. Mr. Long states animal control is aware and will continue to monitor. Mr. Smith states the city will continue to monitor and keep an eye on it.


There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Long to adjourn; Mr. Margraf concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffrey Long, Vice President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary