

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, September 16, 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 August 26, 2021 and September 2, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from EnviroForensics, LLC recommending the award to the transportation and disposal contract for the Removal and Replacement of Lead Impacted Soil Environmental Remediation project to the low, responsive, and responsible waste disposal facility, Republic Services in the amount of \$109,188.00 submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-618)

Correspondence received from City Engineer, Dean Button recommending the approval of 474 Fayette - Right of Encroachment in the Public Right-of-Way by 18th Street Distillery LLC submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve and forward to Law Department to record; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-619)

Correspondence received from NIPSCO requesting permission to temporary close the Monon Bike Path from September 27, 2021 through October 1, 2021 to safely perform electrical work in advance of the NICTD West Lake Project. Trail users can potentially use the gravel path directly east as a detour while work is being performed and the trail should be open in the evenings after 5:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-620)

Correspondence received from David Flores, Indiana Department of Transportation advising that on Monday, September 20, 2021, they will be closing Ramp “J” which is Southbound Calumet to Eastbound I80/94 for approximately thirty (30) days and the bridge work continues on Calumet Avenue over I80/94 with the completion date of September 18, 2021, will be pushed back approximately two (2) weeks. Mr. Button states this is for the public safety to be aware. The Board acknowledges. Motion by Mr. Long to forward to the Police Department and Fire Department; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21- 621)

Correspondence received from Miguel Gil requesting permission to hold a block party on the 4200 block of Wabash Avenue on September 18, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a birthday gathering. Motion by Mr. Long to approve and forward to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-622)

Under New Business, Insurance Plan Participation Agreement between Hammond Port Authority and City of Hammond Health Insurance Plan submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-623)

Declaration of Property as Worthless from the Hammond Information Technology Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-624)

Request for advertisement of the Notice of Sale and Disposal of Personal Property Owned by the City of Hammond submitted by the Public Works Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-625)

Robertsdale Access Agreements for properties at 2132 Indianapolis Blvd. and 2134 Indianapolis Blvd. submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-626)

Disposal Authorization received from Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-627)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-628)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 513 Florence Street. Inspector Jordan Polak states there was a request for water reconnect. The inspection determined there was a basement apartment but has been removed and the owners are compliant and request the Findings & Order be approved. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-629)

Rental registration for the properties located at 5529 Sohl Avenue. Property owner present and is evicting the present tenant and wants to move back in October. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-630)

Property located at 1626 Stanton – Property owner present. Mr. Farrell states a homestead exemption is currently on property and requests this be removed. Property owner states she owes for 2019, 2020 and 2021. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee for 2019, 2020, and 2021 and sign to remove the homestead exemption; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-631)

Property located at 2712 White Oak Ave. – Mr. Farrell states a homestead exemption is currently on the property and this be removed. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and sign to remove the homestead exemption; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-632)


Right of Way Permits submitted by the Engineering Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-633)

Under Old Business, 7128 Marshall – request for yellow curbing. Mr. Button states Public Works can paint the curbing but it may not be this year and he will prepare a detail as to what is allowed. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on September 23, 2021 and forward to Engineering and Public Works; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-634)

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. Cruz Santiago states he lives near Torrence and Gostlin and the median on Torrence needs to be redone because the vehicles make a U-turn at the tracks and as they do, they continually hit his vehicles, people are going the wrong way, there are no parking signs but people do park. Mr. Smith requests that he email pictures to the Law Department. Mr. Button states there have been complaints before requesting placing the power poles to fix the open gaps and will be a short-term fix because the redesign in in progress. The Board will address after reviewed. Motion by Mr. Long to set status for September 23, 2021; 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 9:45 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: 
Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles