

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, September 30, 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 September 23, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters from Departments Heads, City Engineer, Dean Button requests approval for the Agreement with Northern Indiana Public Service Company for a pole replacement for the Little Calumet River Pedestrian Bridge project. Funds for the project are from the American Recovery Plan. Mr. Smith advises the Board will receive copies of the “pink sheets” which are for the American Rescue Plan. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-650)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from 5th District Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$55,000.00 of gaming funds be allocated for resurfacing of Waveland from 169th Street to 167th Street. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-651)

Amendment No. 2 with American Structurepoint for the Hohman Avenue Reconstruction Phase 1 Design in the amount of \$27,440.00 which includes right of way services and traffic design for the signal at Sibley and Hohman submitted for approval. Funds for the project are from the American Rescue Plan. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-652)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police William Short requesting approval of the resignation of Hammond Police Department Officer Jonathan Woods effective the closing date of September 11, 2021; advising of a paid administrative personnel issue and the resignation of Correctional Officer Elijah Freeman effective the closing date of September 28, 2021 submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-653)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police William Short requesting approval of the Department General Order #21-04 referencing Emergency Vehicle Response Operations and Pursuit Police. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-654)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Barry Tyler, Jr. requesting the following:

- Several representatives from Hammond Central and the School City of Hammond (including Trustee Carlotta Blake King, Principal Dave Verta and Superintendent Scott Miller)

have approached me regarding a need for some "student crossing" signage and maybe lights along Highland Avenue because students are in constant danger during pick up and drop off times due to traffic. They are requesting something similar to what Munster High School has along Columbia Avenue. Mr. Button requests this be referred to Engineering to meet with council and school city for a resolution. Motion by Mr. Long to refer to Engineering; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-655)

- Residents in the 5900 block of Hyslop are requesting that their driveways be marked with yellow paint to stop cars from blocking their availability to get in and out. Motion by Mr. Long to refer to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-655)

- Residents in the 5900 block of Park Place are requesting residential only parking because guest/visitors of the apartment buildings on that block are taking up all the parking on the street.

Motion by Mr. Long to refer to Police Department and Law Department as to if we need an ordinance; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-655)

- Residents in the 1200 and 1300 blocks of Field Street are requesting no dumping signs to be placed in the empty field on the South side of the street because there have been several incidents of garbage being dumped recently. Motion by Mr. Long to forward to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-655)

- The 5800 Block of Erie Avenue. With the construction of the new school and lack of parking, students are taking up residential parking spaces so they are asking for residential only parking signs as well. Motion by Mr. Long to approve for sixty (60) days, forward to Public Works and advise to take down on November 30, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-655)

Correspondence received from Hammond Common Council requesting a traffic study at the east end of the 100th block of Doty to see if change is warranted as per proposed Ordinance 21-35. Mr. Button states Engineering is in support of a traffic study and to make sure residents are aware. Mr. Smith states the Mayor is good with this becoming a two-way street for vehicular traffic purposes and would like the Board to refer to police and fire. Motion by Mr. Long to refer this to Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works and Engineering for a written response to the Law Department with their findings by October 8, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-656)

Correspondence received from NIPSCO requesting single lane closures on 174th Street from Columbia Avenue to Tapper Avenue on a as needed basis for public safety from October 6, 2021 through October 13, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-657)

Correspondence received from resident Derrick Durr requesting permission to hold a block party on the 1000 block of Tapper Avenue between Eaton and Drackert on October 9, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. with all neighbors being a part of the party. Motion by Mr. Long to approve and forward to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-658)

Correspondence received from Steve Grimm, HAST School, requesting permission to use the parking lot at 5210 Hohman Avenue on Monday, November 15, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. until approximately 5:00 p.m. for a food bank drop. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-659)

Under New Business, Contract for Demolition Services with JM Industrial Services Inc. for the demolition of the following properties: 2128 Atchison Ave., 830 Becker, 7044 Columbia, 4749 Hickory, 2314 Indianapolis, 2920 Janet Pl. (garage only) 630 Sibley and 409 Vine Street. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-660)

First Extension of Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 222-24 Conkey Street submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-661)

Robertsdale Access Agreement for 1334 Lakeview Avenue submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-662)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish regarding property located at 5955 Wallace Road (Front) submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-663)

Warranty Deeds regarding 232 Brunswick Street, 252 Marble St. and 217 Hanover Street submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-664)

Notice to Owners of Affected Property at 6550 Columbia Avenue submitted for acknowledgement. The Board Acknowledges. (Ins. No. 21-665)

Disposal Authorizations submitted by the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-666)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-667)

Under Old Business, Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 2345 New York Avenue. Inspector Pajdzik states the owner is good with the deed restriction. Motion by Mr. Long to approve the agreement and signed restriction; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-668)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1704 Atchison Avenue. Mr. Pajdzik states there are multiple issues and was originally a two unit therefore the other two units are illegal and the property owner has been notified. Mr. Farrell states there is no fire separation and request to affirm the removal. Motion by Mr. Long to affirm the Order; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-669)

Rehearing requested on rental registrations properties for the following: 3320 175th, 6374 Maryland, 3316 175th St., 3805 173rd, 6433 Ohio, 1324 170th, 236 173rd St., 3249 163rd St., 3324 175th St., 3642 173rd St., 3303 Kenwood, 6743 Missouri and 7413 Marshall. Property Manager, Victoria Perryman appears. 3320 175th, 6374 Maryland, 3316 175th St., 3805 173rd have been sent to Smith Sersic for collections, 6433 Ohio was paid and the late fee was waived. Ms. Perryman states the remaining properties were vacant. Mr. Farrell states he will contact the water department to check on service at these properties and the 4 units at 6011 Columbia. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on October 21, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-670)


Correspondence received from Humberto Prado requesting a follow up meeting for clarification regarding his barricade request. Motion by Mr. Long to set for October 7, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-671)

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. Curtis Vosti appears on behalf of the Hammond Historical Society to request for EMA assistance on October 3, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for their event at Cemetery.


Mr. Darren Taylor, 4905 Linden Avenue appears. Mr. Smith suggest Mr. Taylor enter into an extension to the Rehabilitation Agreement.

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 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: 
Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Secretary