

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, October 7, 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 30, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, Capital Improvement Board (CIB), requesting \$181,575.00 of CIB funding be allocated for design engineering services for the Hohman Avenue Complete Streets Design – Clinton Street to Douglas Street with American Structurepoint and corresponding Agreement. Mr. Mark Gordish states this is an 80/20 split. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-672)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, Capital Improvement Board (CIB), requesting \$136,745.00 of CIB funding be allocated for design engineering services for the Hohman Avenue Phase 2 Design – Russell Street to Clinton Street with American Structurepoint and corresponding Agreement. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-673)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, Capital Improvement Board (CIB), requesting \$1,562.81 of CIB funding be allocated for replacement of signal head and addition of asphaltic joint sealant for the Change Order Nos. 2, 3 and 4 – Purdue Refuge Island with First Group Engineering, Inc. and corresponding contract. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-674)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police William Short requesting approval of the resignation from Correctional Officer Stephen Gonzalez effective the closing date of September 11, 2021; reinstatement from administrative leave on personnel issue; and the transfer of Lieutenant Patrick Vicari from Patrol/Traffic Division to Community Affairs effective September 30, 2021. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-675)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Long to set for October 21, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-676)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Long presents an Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 2650 162nd Place (Garage) submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-677)

Mr. Long presents an EMS Fee Authorization Form with AccuMed Group. Mr. Smith states this is an administrative form. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-678)

Under New Business, Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish regarding property located at 1127 170th Place submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-679)

Disposal Authorizations submitted by the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-680)

Right of Way Permits (2) submitted for approval from Engineering Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-681)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-682)

Rental registration hearing for property located at 7036 Chestnut Avenue. Property owner present. Mr. Farrell states the new owner has owned the building since July, 2021, single family home and will need to fill out the homestead removal form. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and fill out the homestead removal form; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-683)

Rental registration hearing for property located at 4603-05 Oak Ave. Property owner is present with his son. Mr. Farrell states the last time this was registered was in 2017. Son states he has started taking over his father's matters due to his health and memory issues and would have paid if he realized. Mr. Long acknowledges son will be taking responsibility from now forward and the reminders are only a courtesy. Mr. Smith suggests they complete a registration form with his information. Motion by Mr. Long to assess the late fee for 1 unit for 2018 and waive the 2nd unit for 2018 and waive all late fees from 2019 to 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-684)

Under Old Business, Status – Jimenez Auto Repair. Property owners are present and state they have had a difficult time reaching Mr. Molina and may need to hire a new attorney. They have been in contact with Mr. Brian Poland but he will be out until next week. Mr. Smith states he is concerned with the slow down, they have made sufficient effort and would like to get them into the new property. Mr. Smith suggests Mr. Poland appear for a status. Motion by Mr. Long to set status for November 18, 2021 and to request Mr. Brian Poland to be present; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-685)

Status – Humberto Prado – barricades at 428 173rd St. Mr. Prado does not appear. Board takes no action. (Ins. No. 21-686)


Status on changes to Doty Street. Letter from Hammond Fire Department with no objections. Mr. Long states the Police Department has no objections and Mr. Perez states Public Works has no objections. Mr. Smith states he will report to Mayor and Mr. Button to summarize to Mayor before Tuesday morning. (Ins. No. 21-687)

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. Keith McKinley and son, are present regarding 820 Bauer Street. Mr. Smith states its owned by John Bovan, came before the Board on a demolition order, there was an inspection and a rehab agreement was entered. Mr. McKinley didn't know about demolition. He reached out to Mr. Bovan to see if he was going to redeem it because the tax redemption period is up on September 15. Mr. Kearney suggested coming to the Board to see about keeping property. Mr. McKinley has 9 properties in Hammond, taxes are paid, they have funds for rehab. Mr. Smith asks what are his intentions for the property. Mr. McKinley plans to rehab and rent it. Mr. Smith states generally they tell a tax sale purchaser that you risk the investment if city demolishes it, there is a risk, however if you are requesting the stay of demolition, and have a good track record, is willing to invest money to rehab, we always like to see properties rehabbed. Mr. McKinley can leave contact info and set for status. Mr. Smith states she should get the Deed sometime in February. Mr. Smith to check to see if demolition permit has been issued. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on October 28, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-688)

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 9:36 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles