

## **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022, 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 March 17, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Chief of Police, William Short requesting the following officers to receive FTO Specialty Pay as of March 9, 2022: Ryan Gleason, Timothy Kreischer, Lindsey Fritz, Andrew Webb, Matthew Zembala, Amanda Earley, Michael Ciccotelli, Spencer Lemmons and Coty Sparks; additionally requesting Officer Albert Hulitt relinquish his FTO Specialty Pay due to reassignment, Officer Timothy Schultz resigned as an FTO and shall no longer received FTO Specialty Pay as these adjustments became effective March 22, 2022. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-131)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief, Jeffery Smith, recommending the following promotions and reassignments: EMT-2P David Bultema to be promoted to the rank of EMT-1P and EMT-1 Xavier Becerra to be reassigned to the rank of EMT-2 retroactive March 6, 2022. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-132)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, Capital Improvement Board (CIB), requesting \$25,875.00 of CIB funding be allocated for engineering services to perform the PASER rating inspection by NIES Engineering and corresponding proposal. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-133)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$17,462.24 of CIB funding be allocated for design services for a new retaining wall for the Intersection Improvements to Michigan Street and Indianapolis Blvd. with First Group Engineering and corresponding Supplement Agreement No. 2. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-134)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$53,350.00 of CIB funding be allocated for the purpose of acquiring the right-of-way from EcoServices to create a new northbound right-turn lane at Michigan Street and Indianapolis Blvd. Mr. Button states this is strictly the funding allocation to acquire property. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-135)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$59,750.00 of CIB funding be allocated for the drainage improvements for 52-169th Street Drainage Improvements services with Rex Construction. Mr. Button states the Board previously opened quotes but no action was taken. Motion by Mr. Long to approve funding and award to the lowest responsive bidder, Rex Construction; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-136)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$25,000.00 of CIB funding be allocated for general services with T.Y.Lin International Great Lakes, Inc. for NICTD Westlake Corridor Assistance – South Hammond Parking. Mr. Button requests this be deferred. Motion by Mr. Long to defer to March 31, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-137)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$1.0M of CIB funding be allocated for 2022 Hammond Overlay Program. Mr. Button states there were open bids and was awarded to Milestone and this is the first round of money. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-138)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the Agreement with Axis Architecture + Interiors in the amount of \$298,250.00 for the design of the Fire Station No. 7. Mr. Smith confirms the funding and states most of this is from insurance payout from Station No. 5, will be monitoring work and funding. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-139)

Correspondence received from 2nd District Councilman Pete Torres requesting \$34,000.00 of gaming funds be allocated for the financial contribution to the total cost of the License Plate Reader Program (LPR) Project submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-140)

Correspondence received from 4th District Councilman Bill Emerson, Sr. requesting \$34,000.00 of gaming funds be allocated for the financial contribution to the total cost of the License Plate Reader Program (LPR) Project submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-141)

Correspondence received from Dean Button recommending the approval for Gariup Construction to proceed with the pedestrian road closure of the Little Calumet River Trail beginning on April 4, 2022 and will be effective until November 18, 2022; and recommending the approval for road closure on 171st Street between Wicker Avenue and Schneider Avenue beginning March 28, 2022 for approximately 10 business days. Mr. Button states the closing of the trail is necessary. Mr. Smith requests they clean and sweep this area. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-142)

Correspondence received from Dean Button recommending the approval for Advanced Engineering Services to temporarily restrict traffic on Summer Street between Columbia Avenue

and Indianapolis Blvd. in relation to the geotechnical engineering study for the proposed roadway improvements. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-143)

Correspondence received from Lake Shore Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth requesting permission to hold their Opening Night Parade on Friday, April 29, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. and additionally requesting a Hammond Police and/or Fire Department escort. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-144)

Correspondence received from Joseph Wittig requesting his rental registration hearing presently set for March 31, 2022 be rescheduled to April 7, 2022. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-145)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Long to set for April 7, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-146)

Request for advertising dates of March 31, 2022 and April 7, 2022 with a bid opening for April 21, 2022 for the Removal and Replacement of Lead Impacted Soil Environmental Remediation project. Mr. Button states this is phase 2 of the ARP funded Robertsdale area of about 30 properties and requests bid opening for April 21, 2022. Motion by Mr. Long to approve with a bid opening date of April 21, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. Res. No. 4105)

Under New Business, Resolution Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement with Hammond Port Authority regarding payment of invoices for design, engineering and related services for the Public Works Improvements at 129th Street and Calumet Avenue Stormwater Grant Project and supporting Agreement. Mr. Smith states this is an area with standing water and once its approved, forward the Agreement to Port Authority. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. Res. No. 4104 (Ins. No. 22-147)

Right of Way Permits (6) submitted for approval from Engineering Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-148)

Amusement Device list submitted by the Controller's Office. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-149)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish property at 222-24 Conkey St. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-150)


Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-151)

Rental registration appeal 1324 170th, 3249 163rd, 3303 Kenwood, 6743 Maryland, 3642 173rd and 3324 175<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Farrell states the Board had a hearing on August 26, 2021 and reset the matter to October 21, 2021 and no one appeared and entered findings and some were sent to Smith Sersic for collections. Also states Blueprint is not registered in Indiana. Representative for Blueprint Management appears to request leniency on the fees. Motion by Mr. Long to deny the request; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-152)

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 9:41 a.m.

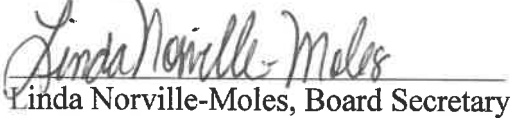
APPROVED:

BY:



Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:



Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary