

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2022

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, August 18, 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 August 4, 2022 and August 11, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters from Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Button states the city owns 5230 Hohman Avenue and a right of way Deed of Dedication is needed for the reconstruction on Hohman Avenue. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-505)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, Capital Improvement Board (CIB), requesting \$47,900.00 of CIB funding be allocated for the 165th and Stateline Improvements and Agreement for professional services with First Group Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-506)

Correspondence received from Dean Button, City Engineer recommending that a new stop sign be installed on eastbound Cleveland Street and Howard Avenue and requests the Board's approval. Mr. Button has evaluated the intersection. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-507)

Correspondence received from Milestone requesting permission to close the curbside lane of northbound Calumet Avenue south of Eaton Street for pavement patches scheduled for August 25, 2022 and August 26, 2022 submitted for approval. Mr. Button states Milestone is working for the water department, INDOT has been notified and this is just advising the Board. The Board Acknowledged. (Ins. No. 22-508)

Correspondence received from Casey Diamond requesting permission to hold a back to school event and requesting barricades at the street crossing at the corner of Sibley Street and Maywood Avenue north to alley on August 20, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Long to approve and forward to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-509)

Correspondence received from Trevira Burks, 6142 Noble Ave., requesting to have a block party and requesting barricades to block off Jennings Street from Ray Street to Noble Avenue on August 27, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-510)

Correspondence received from Vanessa Hunter-Lopez requesting permission to hold a balloon release on August 24, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. at the parking lot at 165th and Columbia in front of the reward billboard to honor of her son Jalen Hunter's 1st anniversary in Heaven. Mr. Tyler states they will be in the old Sterk's parking lot, requesting patrol. Mr. Long will handle patrol. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-511)

Under New Business, Demolition Hearings – 3841 177th Street. Owner Alan Rutledge present. Mr. Smith states property sustained fire damage in 2020, vacant and boarded up, property is being made into a workshop, he lives next door, and withdraws the demolition order request. No action.

4407 Baltimore Avenue – Owner by Hugo Garza has passed away. Mr. Garza's son appears and states property will be sold. Mr. Smith shows him photos of the current state of the property. Mr. Garza acknowledges the current position of the property. City's position would like to enter the demolition order. Mr. Garza states he wants to sell the property Mr. Smith advises him that under the Indiana law, he is obligated to inform potential new owners of the demolition order. Mr. Smith wants the order affirmed, no objection by Mr. Garza on the order and wants to move forward with the sale. Mr. Kearney states they will have to do a demo inspection. Motion by Mr. Long to affirm demolition order; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-512)

1414 Calumet Avenue – Owned by Red8LLC-5 Points from Crown Point Dimitri Panos is Registered agent. Property is vacant, work was performed in 2020, interior demo work, no inspections were called in, water has been off since 2019. Brick building also known as the Point Bar. Attorney Sarah Booth appears with Mr. Panos, plants to demolish and have been in contact with Anne Anderson. Mr. Kelly states there will be a cut and clean abatement with trash around and requests they clean up as being separate from the demo order. Mr. Smith states the city's position is the building is unsightly and requests to affirm the demo order. Mr. Panos plans to demolish and redevelopment and needs more that 2 months to knock down and determine what to do. Mr. Smith would like the city to enter the demo order, have the process move forward but stay the order. Motion by Mr. Long to affirm demolition order; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-512)

940 Fields Street (Front & Rear) – Property owner failed to appear. Owner by Clarence Collins under personal representative from Gurnee, Illinois, Lynda Paul. Property appears to have electric meter pulled, in need of paint, and exterior appears to be in poor condition, no gutters, and roof in need of repair. Mr. Smith states they have good service, it appears to be occupied and wanted to give the police department a heads up. Motion by Mr. Long to approve demolition order and forward to the Police Department; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-512)

3924 Henry Avenue (Rehab) – Owner failed to appear. Mr. Smith requests to affirm demo order. Property is vacant, no water or electric, appears that some work has been done on the property, siding is done. Motion by Mr. Long to affirm demolition order; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-512)

Agreement to Rehabilitate for property located at 3924 Henry. Motion by Mr. Long to approve and set for status on November 17, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-513)

4750 Hickory Street – Mr. Smith believes owner, Tommy Culver is deceased. Good service, no one appears. Motion by Mr. Long to affirm the demolition order; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-512)

4751 Oak Avenue – Owner failed to appear. Mr. Smith presents photos, no one appears, good service. Motion by Mr. Long to affirm demolition order; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-512)

15 Ruth Street (Rear) – Owner failed to appear. Mr. Smith presents photos, rear structure was self-demolished, not moving forward with demo. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on November 17, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-512)

4315 Towle Avenue – Mr. Smith presents photos, no one appears, good service and abandon vehicles on the property. Motion by Mr. Long to affirm demolition order and make police department aware; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-512)

Order to Rescind Findings and Order for 6435 Grand Avenue submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-514)

Right of Way Permits (4) submitted for approval from Engineering Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-515)

Disposal Authorizations submitted for approval by the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-516)

Plat of the Woodmar Sports Facilities Addition submitted for approval. Mr. Poland states this is the 2-lot subdivision at 6600 Indianapolis separating the lots for the YMCA. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-517)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-518)

Under Old Business, Status – 7508 Birch. Mr. Smith states there were some issues with permits. Spoke with Mr. Driscoll on it. Mr. Kearney states there was a cut and clean order on it but this is a separate issue. Rehab agreement expired, status was in July, problems getting permits. Mr. Smith states he can email Mr. Driscoll. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status for October 13, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – residential parking on 2600 and 2700 blocks of 162nd Street. Mr. Tyler states the residents have petitioned for this many Illinois plates and parking issues. Motion by Mr. Long to approve residential parking; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. Tyler presents with resident at 5843 Columbia who would like to appeal for a handicap sign, which was denied because she has a driveway. The thought was for him to bring before the Board as oppose to having one person make the determination and the Board can consider any special circumstances. Resident has a very hard time backing out of driveway onto Columbia because of traffic. Mr. Smith states there is a standing policy that if they have a driveway then no handicap parking with very few exceptions. The city always wants to make the right decision, and will look into making a determination. Mr. Long would like to set over until next week to look into. Mr. Tyler is in support of this, has listing of houses that have handicap parking with a driveway: 7120 Jefferson, 7218 Jefferson, 1121 Eaton, 835 Morris, and 833 Merrill. Mr. Long would like to know what the special circumstances are. Mr. Button questions regarding resident's parking/vision issues. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status for August 25, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Mr. Tyler states residents on the 1000 and 1100 block of Highland are requesting residential parking due people parking from Martin Luther King park, most of the residents don't have driveways. Mr. Button states generally it's a case by case basis, how do you police it? Mr. Long states they would have to come to Police Department to get residential stickers and visitor's pass, the sticker belongs to that street. Motion by Mr. Long to approve residential parking; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Mr. Tyler questions how many additional parking there will be after construction. Mr. Button states about 15-20 extra parking spaces.

Councilman Torres states on property located at 1135 Truman, the front is boarded and residents are complaining vagrants are getting in through the back and 713 Sibley, is not boarded up and reported vagrants are getting in there. Mr. Long will take care of it.

Resident states the 6700 block of Alexander property needs to be cleaned up, there are trees, bushes in the alleyway at Alexander and McCook needs to be cleaned up, vegetation grown

all over. GIS states it is city property. Mr. Kearney will take care. Additionally, in the middle of the street the sewer is falling in and if doesn't get taken care of someone could get hurt. Mr. Button will look at.

Mr. Brian Poland has questions about residential parking stickers for visitors. Mr. Long explains.


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 10:08 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary