

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, August 25, 2022, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present; Mr. Perez – absent.

Due to the absence of Mr. Perez, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve the Minutes of the meeting of August 18, 2022; concurred by Mr. Margraf.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Chief of Police, William Short requesting the approval for Officer Lindsey Fritz to receive ET Specialty Pay retroactive to July 25, 2022; Officer Kyle Wagers to receive ET Specialty Pay retroactive to July 29, 2022; Officer Ryan Zurek was transferred to the Traffic Unit and will no longer be receiving ET Specialty Pay effective August 11, 2022; submitting the resignation of Correctional Officer Halen Paz, effective the closing date of August 16, 2022. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-519)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief, Jeffery Smith submitting the letter of retirement from Engineer Jeremy Pence, who has served the citizens of Hammond for 21 years effective September 9, 2022; recommending the promotions of Engineer John Boykin to be promoted to the rank of Senior Caption and Private Sam Mijares to be promoted to the rank of Engineer retroactive to July 31, 2022; promotions of Probationary Firefighters Samuel Gallardo and Brandon Grasha to Private Firefighters retroactive to August 9, 2022; and the reassignments of Assistant Engineer Joseph Sinclair be promoted to the rank of Engineer retroactive to August 2, 2022, EMT1-P Mark Ramoska to be reassigned to the rank of Private-P, retroactive to July 26, 2022, EMT-2 Raudel Gonzalez be promoted to the rank of EMT-1, retroactive to July 26, 2022, EMT-1 Collin Andrisko be reassigned to rank of EMT-2 retroactive to July 26, 2022, EMT-1 Sylvester Davis be reassigned to rank of Private and EMT-2P Aaron Arroyo be promoted to the rank of EMT-1P, both retroactive to July 26, 2022; EMT-2 Alex Berdine be reassigned to rank of Private, retroactive to July 24, 2022; EMT-2P Omar Gonzalez be promoted to the rank of EMT-1P, retroactive to July 26, 2022; Private Richard Madsen be promoted to rank of EMT-2, retroactive to July 24, 2022, Private-P Bruce Czepinski be promoted to the rank of EMT-2P, retroactive to July 26, 2022, Probationary Brandon Grasha be promoted to rank of EMT-2, retroactive August 9, 2022 and Assistant Engineer Juan Gonzalez be promoted to rank of Engineer, effective September 10, 2022. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-520)

Correspondence received from City Engineer, Dean Button recommending to allow School City of Hammond staff at Burns-Hicks and Kenwood schools to place temporary barriers on Tapper Avenue, Woodward Avenue and Moraine Avenue on school days during arrival and

dismissal for a 90-day trial basis. Mr. Button states Councilman Tyler and School City requested looking into this. First Group provided a study of the traffic cross over. The recommendation is to add a temporary barrier for the traffic flow. This will not start until after the Labor Day holiday for a 90-day trial, this will give them time to notify the residents, it's for the safety of the children. Mr. Long would like to know when this begins in order to have a few squads help at first with the temporary blockage. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-521)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set for September 15, 2022; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-522)

Under New Matters, request for advertising dates of September 1, 2022 and September 8, 2022 with a bid opening of September 29, 2022 for the Wildwood Drive Closure Project submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. Res. No. 2857

A Resolution Authorizing the City of Hammond to Transfer Property located at 5111 Calumet Avenue to the Hammond Redevelopment Commission, with corresponding Agreement and Quit-Claim Deed submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. Res. No. 4114 (Ins. No. 22-523)

Notice to Owners of Affected Property received from the Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals. The Board acknowledged. (Ins. No. 22-524)

Right of Way Permits (1) submitted for approval from Engineering Department. Mr. Gordish gives an update on 173rd and Lyman. Water main had no casing and should be completed by September 30, 2022. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-525)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-526)

Under Old Business, status – handicap parking at 5843 Columbia Ave. Councilman Tyler appears via Zoom. Ms. Deri Gibson, Public Works Department, states residents cannot have a driveway, only a few circumstances, if they are a tenant and the landlord does not let them park in the driveway, most are all legitimate, few have shared driveways, very hard to get through. She has looked into 833 Merrill, no sign there it is at 835. Jefferson (7218) not the person's driveway. All are inspected before they put up the signs. Jefferson (7120) was taken out. Mr. Margraf explains 5843 Columbia has a driveway, her difficulty is being able to back out. Mr. Margraf doesn't think that is a special circumstance. Ms. Gibson opinion is that if we open up one, then it will open up to the whole city and we'll be back and forth with these meetings. Mr. Long feels the same about the set of rules, now has a better understanding. Ms. Gibson states residents have to go through all the process and channels, and they are renewed

every two years. If she gets a call in about a sign, she checks it out first. Councilman Tyler questions the 1100 block of Eaton has a drive way as well as a sign, hard to back out of drive way this is the same issue, its more of a safety issue. Ms. Gibson states Eaton handicap sign is because the vehicle it too large/wide to fit in the driveway. Mr. Long states its impossible to know all but can someone have access as to what is special circumstances. Ms. Hill states this could be a good thing or a bad thing. Ms. Gibson states they don't have many cases they have a problem with and thinks we should leave it as it is for right now. Councilman questions if this process/decision making will go to the Board. Mr. Long states yes. Mr. Dean states he looked at the width of the driveway and it is 7 feet wide and driveway is right up against the house and sympathizes with woman trying to get into her vehicle in a wheel chair. He is referring to 5843 Columbia. Recommendation by Mr. Long to deny the handicap sign at 5843 Columbia; concurred by Mr. Margraf.

Under Rental Registrations, 428 Kenwood (4) - Property owner appears.
Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive late fee; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-527)

2242 White Oak Ave. – Property owner appears. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive late fee; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-527)

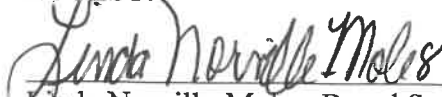
6542 Rhode Island – Property management appears. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive late fee; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-527)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Long to adjourn; concurred by Mr. Perez. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: 
Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary