

## **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2022, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Margraf – absent; Mr. Long – present; Ms. Huerta – present.

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

Recommendation by Ms. Huerta to defer the Minutes of the meeting of September 29, 2022; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads/Their Representatives - Mr. Button requests signature for the title sheet for the Summer Street Project. Recommendation by Ms. Huerta to approve the title sheet; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 22-598)

Mr. Button wants to notify for traffic concerns that the Indiana Department of Transportation is closing three (3) on ramps to eastbound 80/94 – Calumet, Indianapolis and Kennedy- for one week starting midnight, Sunday, October 9, 2022. Additionally, 173<sup>rd</sup> Street should be open at Lyman.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from First Group Engineering recommending that the only bid for the Wildwood Drive Closure. Mr. Button recommends we reject the bid for Wildwood. Recommendation by Ms. Huerta to approve the findings and reject all bids; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 22-599)

Correspondence received from Milestone requesting road closure of the southbound lanes of Kennedy Ave. starting from 164th Pl. to 169th St. for the Phase 2 of this project. This closure is scheduled to begin October 10, 2022 and will last approximately 2 ½ months, weather dependent. Recommendation by Ms. Huerta to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 22-600)

Correspondence received from resident Char Ridgell requesting speed bumps, “children at play” signs and more stop signs in the Pullman-Standard Historic District for children’s safety concerns. Mr. Button requests this be referred to Engineering and will recommend to the Board. Recommendation by Ms. Huerta to refer to Engineering; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 22-601)

Correspondence received from Aaron Eggers, First Baptist Church of Hammond, requesting to park their church buses on State Street for a 6-week trial basis on Sunday, November 6, 2022 to December 18, 2022 and requesting permission to close off a portion of State Street from the entrance of their Handicap Parking Lot to Oakley Street and from Oakley Street to the Hammond Public Library from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. until

8:30 p.m., leaving Oakley Street open. Mr. Smith states this is a public safety concern and to notify the Police Department and request a status. Recommendation by Ms. Huerta to grant the request and set for status on November 17, 2022; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 22-602)

Correspondence received from Thomas Suroviak, Tom's Treasure Chest, requesting permission to install a sign post at the corner of Hohman and Wildwood informing former customers of the new location at 411 Conkey. His business has been affected by the corona virus, cost increases and now the road closure due to the railroad construction. Additionally, customers parking in front of store inhibits dump truck traffic flow. Mr. Suroviak is present and states this is for Wildwood and Hohman. Mr. Smith states that Zoning regulates the signage. Mr. Suroviak will talk with Mr. Novak. Mr. Smith states signs may be on right of way, need to know the exact location. Inspector Jordan will take a look at the marked location. Mr. Suroviak also states that the dump trucks are staged in front of his business which inhibits his customer parking. Mr. Button will request them to stage on the south side – west of the tracks. Recommendation by Ms. Huerta to forward 1<sup>st</sup> request to Code and 2<sup>nd</sup> to Engineering; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 22-603)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Ms. Huerta acknowledged the Rehab Agreement for 2314 Indianapolis Blvd. Recommendation by Ms. Huerta to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 22-604)

Under New Business, Agreement with Hawk Enterprises, Inc. for the Decorative Lighting Installation on Tapper between Maywood Elementary School and Carroll Avenue in the amount of \$505,193.90. Mr. Button states the funding is from 3<sup>rd</sup> District and Mayor's gaming fund. Recommendation by Ms. Huerta to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 22-605)

Funding Allocation Request Form from 3rd District Councilman Barry Tyler, Jr. requesting \$32,823.46 of gaming funds be allocated for the Tapper Ave. Lighting Project from Moss St. to Carroll St. Mr. Button states the agreement with NIES will follow next week. Recommendation by Ms. Huerta to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 22-606)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 4735 Hohman Avenue submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Huerta to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 22-607)

Memorandum of Understanding Governing the Usage of Security Cameras between the Hammond Police Department and Housing Authority of the City of Hammond submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states Housing Authority is a separate entity and this will allow HPD to use cameras. Recommendation by Ms. Huerta to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 22-608)

Resolution of the Board of Public Works and Safety for Disposition of Real Property Assessed at Less than \$15,000 regarding property located at 6235 Monroe submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states this is a vacant lot and the Statute requires of the disposing agent. Recommendation by Ms. Huerta to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 22-609)

Robertsdale Access Agreement for property located at 1238 Lakeview Avenue submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Huerta to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 22-610)

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Huerta to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 22-611)

Under Old Business, Status 4905 Linden St. Mr. Smith states this is Mr. Taylor's property and has passed inspection, requests 60-day status. Recommendation by Ms. Huerta to set for status on December 15, 2022; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 4407 Baltimore. Mr. Smith states this has a demo order and is out for bid, Nipsco couldn't get in to remove the meter. Contractor had to come out and remove debris in order to terminate gas and electric. New owners are aware this is under demo and his estimation without inspection it appears to be unsalvageable. Owners have paid for an inspection so Mr. Lewter will do the inspection. Law Departments perspective is that they have informed the owner that we are moving forward with demolition. Recommendation by Ms. Huerta to set for status for November 10, 2022; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status Jimenez Auto. Attorney Bartholomew appears with owners regarding the property at 4715 Hohman. Mr. Bartholomew states plans have been approved, client has consulted with contractors. Contractor has been backed up and hasn't been able to come out but will do so tomorrow. Contractor is Calumet Painting and Restoration and they will do everything but states it will take a while before they can start and once the things have been completed, they will apply for the business license. His client is willing to work out arrangements if there are back fees that need to be paid, needs to get auto business out of old building and get in new building. Mr. Smith states that is the goal. Mr. Bartholomew states they did consult with Brian Poland about the plans for the carwash and he approved the plans that were in front of him. Does not need to go before the Commission because it is a permitted use. Need to get the building permit and do the work and then apply for business license. Not aware of the time line, depends on the contractor. Mr. Smith states he hasn't seen any approved plans and request Mr. Poland appear. Recommendation by Ms. Huerta to set for status on October 20, 2022 with Mr. Poland being present; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status - temporary stop sign – corner of Vine and Arizona. Mr. Button would like to re-evaluate at a later time with all the construction. Recommendation by Ms. Huerta to extend the temporary stop signs until December 15, 2022 for status; concurred by Mr. Long.


There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Ms. Huerta to adjourn; concurred by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:

  
Jeffery Long, Vice President

ATTEST:

  
Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary