

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2024, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Greenwell – present; Mr. Kalina – present.

Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve the Minutes of the meeting of April 25, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police submitting the Petition for Retirement of Sergeant James Lietz, who has served the citizens of Hammond for more than 28 years effective the close of business May 26, 2024; Officers Matthew Zembala, Christopher Prevatte and Raymond Velez has completed the requirements for Certified Breathalyzer Operator and are entitled to receive CBO Specialty Pay effective April 25, 2024; and Officer Kali Caine be promoted to the rank of Corporal effective April 4, 2024. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-213)

Correspondence received from Jeffery Smith, Fire Chief recommending the following promotions and reassignments: Private Brian Williams be promoted to the rank of Captain/ Inspections retroactive April 25, 2024; EMT-2 Samuel Gallardo be promoted to the rank of EMT-1, retroactive April 27, 2024; Private-P Christian Mersereau be promoted to the rank of EMT-2P retroactive April 27, 2024; the letter of retirement from EMT-1 Craig Spoerner, who has served the citizens of Hammond for more than 28 years effective May 15, 2024; and the letter of retirement from Captain James Freund, who has served the citizens of Hammond more than 30 years effective May 14, 2024. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-214)

Correspondence received from Leon Wolek requesting permission for road closures on Sunday, June 2, 2024 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Leon's Triathlon with attached route. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-215)

Correspondence received from resident Elvia Smith, 922 175th St. requesting permission block the side street of Maplewood for a birthday party on June 1, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. with signature of one neighbor. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-216)

Under New Business, Resolution Authorizing the City of Hammond to Utilize Single Source for Supply of Certain Fire Department Equipment. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-217)

Right of Way Permit received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-218)

Request from Old Glory to block off Martha Street from Indianapolis to the alley on Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Request for Rental Registration hearings submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for June 6, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-219)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-220)

Under Old Business, status 4350 Sheffield – Inspector Pajdzik states that the owner has submitted plans and requests a two-month continuance. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for July 11, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Gas Station Exception – 10770 Indianapolis Blvd. Mr. Fife appears via Zoom. Mr. Fife has submitted photos of the changes and will remove the container after fireworks, and will call regarding the trespassing of the drop box. No Action.

Gas Station Exception - 3550 Sheffield – Mr. Fife submits photos. Mr. Smith states they have complied and reminded them to request a renewal for next year's exception. No. Action. (Ins. No. 24-221)

Update - Downtown Hammond Development - Mr. Button has reviewed this request and as agreed to the closures. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-222)

Under Rental Registrations, 7531 Alexander – Owner appears. Mr. Farrell requests the homestead be removed. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-223)

6518 McCook - Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-223)

4615 Hohman - Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-223)

7609 Alexander Owner appears. No action.

7944 Birch - Owner appears. Mr. Farrell requests the homestead be removed. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-223)

844 Michigan (3); 5448 White Oak; 1122 Roosevelt; 1537 Truman - Owner appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-223)


There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Kalina. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:

  
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Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:

  
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Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary