

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2022, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Margraf – absent; Mr. Long – present; Mr. Perez – present.

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

Recommendation by Mr. Long to defer the Minutes of the meeting of July 14, 2022; concurred by Mr. Perez.

Bid Opening, Hammond Fire Station No. 2 Project

Gariup Construction Co., Inc.	\$9,137,500
Powers & Sons Construction Co., Inc.	\$9,125,000
Hasse Construction Co., Inc.	\$8,779,000

Recommendation by Mr. Long to forward to Axis for bid tabulation and recommendation; concurred by Mr. Perez. Res. No. 2858

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, Capital Improvement Board (CIB), requesting \$30,000.00 of CIB funding be allocated for the various pavement marking projects and Agreement for professional services with First Group Engineering. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-440)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, Capital Improvement Board (CIB), requesting \$57,058.00 of CIB funding be allocated for the Hohman Avenue Phase 1 – Additional Sewer Work and the Change Order No. 3 with Rieth Riley Construction. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-442)

Correspondence received from Dean Button recommending the approval for the Robertsdale Lead Remediation Phase 2 Landfill project be awarded to Republic Services in the budgeted amount of \$114,500 and the corresponding Agreement. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-443)

Correspondence received from VS Engineering requesting the bid for the 2022 City-Wide Lighting Project be awarded to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder, Hawk Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$1,407,241.80 submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve the award to Hawk Enterprises; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-444)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police, William Short recommending that Officer Philip Mason be appointed as probationer member of the department and to serve his one (1) year probationary period effective July 19, 2022; and requesting approval for the following officers, Elaine Salazar, Sophia Rodriguez and Matthew Siegfried be promoted to the ranks of Sergeant with promotions and pay adjustments to be made effective July 19, 2022. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-445)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief, Jeffery Smith submitting the approval of the letter of retirement from Captain Timothy Smith, who has served the citizens of Hammond for 28 years, 6 months, and 4 days, and to be placed on the Pension Rolls effective July 8, 2022. Mr. Long would like to thank Captain Timothy Smith for his service. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-446)

Correspondence received from Dean Button advising his approval for NIPSCO to work on Sohl that will limit parking along the right-of-way intermittently for the placement of new power poles starting July 18, 2022 for approximately 4-5 weeks with the understating they must be clear of the right-of-way for the weekend of August 6-7, 2022 for WHAM. Mr. Button states this action was presented last week and he gave permission to start. Recommendation by Mr. Long to ratify decision; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-447)

Correspondence received from Milestone requesting to close the George Lake Trail west of Indianapolis Blvd. to the east side of New York Avenue on Monday, July 25, 2022 until July 27, 2022, weather dependent. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-448)

Correspondence received from Milestone requesting to close Chicago Street to all traffic. The restriction would start at Sheffield Avenue and end at Johnson Avenue starting July 11, 2022 and last to July 31, 2022. Second restriction would last from August 1st to August 6, 2022. This restriction would close all traffic throughout Chicago Street construction limits. Traffic would be shut down at Marble Street on Sheffield Avenue to the project limits at Chicago Street and Baltimore Avenue intersection. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-449)

Correspondence received from Lisa Poteat, An Open Door Church & Ministries advising they are holding their annual Community Outreach beginning Saturday, August 6, 2022 and August 7, 2022. Additionally, requesting 12 traffic barricades to be delivered August 5, 2022 to use in their parking lots. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve and check with Public Works on availability; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-450)

Correspondence received from New Zion Temple Church requesting permission to hold a parade (with attached route) at 11:00 a.m. on August 27, 2022, additionally requesting that fire trucks and police cars have presence in the parade. Mr. Kalina will notify the Fire Department and Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-451)

Correspondence received from Derrick Durr, requesting to close Tapper Street, from Eaton St. to Drackert St., for their annual block party on August 13, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve until 11:00 p.m.; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-452)

Correspondence received from Brandon Zingone, Production Manager, ITV America, advising they will be filming on July 22, 2022, mostly contained on private property with permission from the land owners and inquiring if they need/have permission to film on the streets in Hammond. Mr. Smith suggest a call to see what streets and advise Police Department and Engineering. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve and to contact to see what area of streets and notify Police Department; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-453)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set for August 11, 2022; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-454)

Under New Business, Right of Way Permits (4) submitted for approval from Engineering Department. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-455)

Acknowledgement from Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals / Notice to Owners of Affected Properties located 5923 Calumet Ave., 5911-15 Calumet Ave., 6005 Calumet Ave., 6007 Calumet Ave., 6009-11 Calumet Ave., 6013-60 Calumet Ave., 5816 Erie Ave., and 5751 Erie Ave. Mr. Smith states this is a variance for Hammond Central. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-456)

Disposal Authorizations submitted by the Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-457)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-458)

Under Old Business, Status – Intersection at Cleveland and Tapper. Mr. Button states there is a stop signs at Tapper, there has been an ongoing traffic evaluation near Burns-Hicks School. He will take a closer look at Howard and Cleveland. No action until findings from the school study.

Status – 820 Bauer Street, 1244 Indiana Street, and 19 Webb Street. Mr. Smith states these were rehab agreements and need a status date. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set for status on September 29, 2022; concurred by Mr. Perez.

Under Rental Registration Hearings, 637 Roosevelt Dr. Property owner present. Mr. Farrell states this was sent to Smith Sersic. No action. (Ins. No. 22-459)

6304 Van Buren – Property owner present. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive late fee; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-459)

2618 173rd St., 6247 Monroe Ave. – Property owner present. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive late fee; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-459)

6736 Missouri – Property owner appear via Zoom. Had new tenant after cut-off date. Advised to register and then update tenant information later. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive late fee; concurred by Mr. Perez. (Ins. No. 22-459)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommended by Mr. Long to adjourn; concurred by Mr. Perez. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffrey Long, Vice President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary