

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, July 28, 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 July 14, 2022 and July 21, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Bid Opening, Demolitions – 6812 Idaho Ave. (garage), 19-21 Mason St. (garage), 6724 Woodmar (garage), and 6219 Hohman Ave.

JM Industrial Services, Inc.	\$40,200.00
Actin Contracting, LLC.	\$33,210.00

Motion by Mr. Long to approve forward to Inspections for review; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. Res. No. 4110

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from City Engineer, Dean Button recommending the sole bid that was received for the State Line Closures from Gariup Construction in the amount of \$758,500 be rejected due to it being 70% higher than the engineer's opinion of cost and the Capital Improvements Board does not have the funds available to complete at this time. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-459)

Correspondence received by 3rd District Councilman, Barry Tyler, Jr. requesting \$25,000 of gaming fund be allocated for the Park/Gaming Fund 2449 submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-460)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police, William Short recommending the following applicants be appointed as probationer members of the Hammond Police Department to serve their one-year probationary period effective July 21, 2022: Eric Banvich, Nicholas Moore, Joseph Ivezic, Ariel Alvarez-Ortega, Petar Krkobabic, Treyvon McCullough, Alexzander Montano, Shane McCormick, Anthony Juranovich, and Tyler Krachenfels. Additionally, correspondence received from Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine requesting police assistance with their annual Marian Bike Pilgrimage to be held on Saturday, September 10, 2022 with attached route. Motion by Mr. Long to approve and Don Kalina will manage the parade; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-461)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief, Jeffery Smith recommending that Engineer Wilbert Carney, Jr. be promoted to the rank of Captain and Private Matthew Oldenburg be

promoted to the rank of Engineer retroactive to July 10, 2022 submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-462)

Correspondence received from Ron Novak requesting approval for the Proposed License Agreement Renewal with Cambridge Walnut Partners to perform additional environmental sampling at the property located at 428 173rd Street and requesting permission to work in the right of way at the same location. Mr. Novak spoke. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-463)

Correspondence received from Hammond Sanitary District requesting permission to close the street at 143rd and Hohman to Gostlin and Hohman for a sewer repair on August 8, 2022 for approximately 8 hours. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-464)

Correspondence received from Councilman Barry Tyler, Jr. requesting permission to close off Eaton Street at the Erie Street alley for the Back to School Giveaway from the School City of Hammond on August 3, 2022 from 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-465)

Correspondence received from Russell Moore requesting permission for a street closure and requesting barricades on the 3700 block of Higgins Park South St. on August 6, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for a wedding with the approval of the neighbors. Motion by Mr. Long to approve and forward to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-466)

Correspondence received from Sylvia Gibbs requesting permission to block Tapper from Highland to Lyons on September 3, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for the 5K Bird Walk for Recovery, Inc. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-467)

Correspondence received from Melissa Monestere requesting permission to place a dumpster in front of her home at 268 Locust Street from July 29, 2022 through August 5, 2022. Discussion about not obstructing, encroaching intersection. Motion by Mr. Long to approve with the condition not to obstruct/encroach intersection, coned in front and behind, traffic must be able to get around, and no later than August 5, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-468)

Correspondence received from Trina Lee Schultz, 904 Cherry St., requesting permission for a street closure on Rhode Street from Cherry Street to the alley on August 13, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a baby shower with neighbor's signature. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-469)

Correspondence received from John Klebanowski, Axis Architecture + Interiors recommends that the submitted bids from Hasse Construction Co., Powers & Sons Construction Co., and Gariup Construction Co., for the Hammond Fire Station #2 project, be rejected as they do not align with the budget requirements established by the City of Hammond. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-470)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Long to set for August 11, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-471)

Under New Business, Emergency Demolition – 51 Webb (Tree). Mr. Smith advises an emergency quote was received, notice was posted with a 10-day abatement notice. Quote from Brian's Tree Services for \$950, will move forward under the 36-7-9-9 Statute. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-472)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish property at 1317 Michigan Street submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-473)

Right of Way Permits (6) submitted for approval from Engineering Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-474)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-475)

Under Old Business, 2523 New York Ave. – removable shed request. Mr. Poland does not recommend the approval for the removable shed, based on previous sheds, an 8x10 structure is not removable, it will be a visual impairment with the driveway, so doesn't recommend this right of encroachment. Mr. Pustek has nothing. Motion by Mr. Long to deny the request at 2523 New York Ave.; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 6547 Madison – Inspector Jordan provides photos and states this is on the demolition list, property owner wants to repair but recommends to move forward with demolition and set status for next week. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on August 4, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-476)

Status – stop sign at Hohman and Huehn – Mr. Button states he was provided with the crash reports for the intersection, states there were 19 crashes within the past five years and that is not alarming and none of the crashes occurred during a time when student would be present. Three occurrences were crashes that occurred when a westbound vehicle hit a northbound vehicle that could be attributed to limited sight distance. Mr. Button's opinion is that he doesn't think it warrants stop signs and would like to make improvements with striping, bump outs, marking, etc. and would like to move forward as an interim solution. Mr. Button will prepare a narrative

with the table and a recommendation. Mr. Long states his opinion is no stop sign. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on August 11, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-477)

Status - 4905 Linden St. – Mr. Smith states there is significant progress and requests a 60-day status. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on October 6, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 1152 Roosevelt St. – This is the property with three (3) parcels and will start the process with demolition. No action needed.

Rental Registration Hearings, 910 Carroll. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-478)

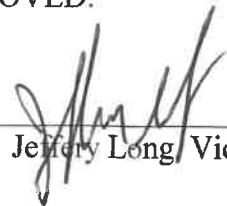
Under Meeting Open to the Public, Councilman Torres states that on the 4900 block of Walnut, vehicles are being broken into at night hours and requests extra patrol. Mr. Long states he will take care of it. Also requesting “children at play” signs at the 4900 block of Walnut. Motion by Mr. Long to forward to Police Department and Public Works; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Mr. Ed Waters, 5842 S. Erie, concerns with the traffic safety, Erie is one way and people are driving in the wrong direction, requesting “do not enter” signs. There is alley traffic and speeding constantly during school days. Requesting that the pedestrian sign in front of his house be moved or removed. Mr. Button said he will work with Public Works to remove that sign. Additionally, the 5700 and 5800 blocks are the oldest, street needs repair, curbs tore up, old sewer. Mr. Waters would like to know if any renovations plans are in the future for the streets, curbs and sewer. Mr. Button advises there is plans for street lighting, resurfacing and new sidewalks.

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 10:12 a.m.


APPROVED:

BY:



Jeffery Long Vice President

ATTEST:



Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary