

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, 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 February 29, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval of the retirement of Sergeant Keith Barnard who has served the citizens of Hammond for more than 21 years, effective the close of business on March 2, 2024. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-094)

Correspondence received from Jeffery Smith, Fire Chief requesting the approval to appoint the following firefighter candidates: Craig Johnson, Travis Hackett, Michael Anguiano and Samuel Gonzalez to the Hammond Fire Department retroactive March 4, 2024 and the resignation of Alex Zielinski with the last shift on March 22, 2024. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-095)

Correspondence received from Dean Button, City Engineer recommending the design of the downtown Hammond commuter train station be awarded to Alex Gorlin Architects in order to commence scope and fee negotiations with the City of Hammond using READI grant funds. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-096)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting that \$190,437.87 of CIB Funding be allocated for NICTD Invoice No. 7 for the new downtown Hammond Station grade change submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-097)

Correspondence received from Rieth-Riley requesting the closure of Hohman Avenue between Sibley St. and Russell St. on or after March 13, 2024 through July 20, 2024 for the phase 2 construction with attached detour route. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-098)

Correspondence received from Rieth-Riley requesting the have the outside single lane/sidewalk closures from April 1 through April 19, 2024 on Chicago Avenue for emergency substructure patching. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-099)

Correspondence received from NIES Engineering requesting the approval for the Change Order #2 for the JF Mahoney Drive Reconstruction Project with a credit in price contract in the amount of \$23,581.76. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-100)

Correspondence received from Alberto Ochoa requesting permission to hold the annual HUGS Mexican Independence Parade on Saturday, September 14, 2024 with attached parade route. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-101)

Correspondence received from Adam Hernandez requesting permission to hold a charity run event on March 23, 2024 on the Erie Lackawanna and Monon Trail from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital with attached route. Mr. Smith has a few questions and would like Mr. Hernandez will have to submit a few documents and that he appear before the Board. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for March 14, 2024 and have Mr. Hernandez appear; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-102)

Correspondence received from Rhonda Dowd, requesting the approval to trade vehicles from Public Works to Mike Alberts. Mr. Smith has not reviewed this and would like to it to be deferred. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on March 14, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-103)

Under New Business, Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement with Hammond Redevelopment to transfer property located at 3229-31 172nd St. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-104)

Agreement to Purchase Real Estate for a 10' portion of property at 6110 Calumet Ave. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-105)

Second Extension of Agreement to Rehabilitate property at 941 Reese Avenue submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-106)

Agreement to Rehabilitate property at 607 State Street submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and set for status on May 30, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-107)

Right of Way Permits (5) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-108)

Disposal Authorization received from Hammond Police Department submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-109)

Agreement to Rehabilitate property at 1463 Indianapolis Blvd. submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and set for status on June 6, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-110)

Under Old Business, Status – 5235 State Line. Owner and Mr. Soto appear and state they are starting on the plumbing today. Mr. Smith would like for them to come back in two weeks to update on the plumbing. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on March 28, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

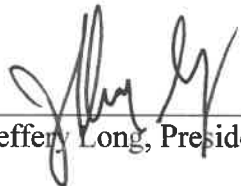
Status - 30 Warren. Mr. Smith states the Agreement was approved last week and set for June 6, 2024. No action.

Under Open to the Public, Mr. Smith advises the Board that he appeared in court on the appeal for 28-34 Ruth and there is a rule to show cause hearing on March 18 and will update the Board.


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 9:28 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:

  
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Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:

  
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Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary