

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, 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 May 16, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters from other Department Heads/their Representatives, Mr. Smith requests approval for the Sales Agreement with Stryker for the Lucas Devises for the Hammond Fire Department. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-269)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval of the retirement of Captain Kelvin Alcox who has served the citizens of Hammond for more than 38 years, effective the close of business on May 22, 2024 and the retirement of Lieutenant Mark Detterline who has served the citizens of Hammond for more than 40 years, effective the close of business on May 26, 2024. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-270)

Correspondence received from Jeffery Smith, Fire Chief recommending the following promotions and reassignments: Engineer Robert Leckrone be promoted to the rank of Captain; Private Darnell Walker be promoted to the rank of Engineer, Private Ruben Gonzalez be promoted to the rank of EMT-2; and EMT-2P David Hansen be promoted to the rank of EMT-1P all retroactive May 17, 2024. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-271)

Correspondence received from Brian Poland, Director of City Planning requesting the signatures for the application as a co-petitioner for a subdivision plat called Central Fire Addition. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-272)

Correspondence received from Leopardo Companies, Inc. requesting to place a dumpster in the back of the LaSalle Hotel for approximately 2 weeks. The dumpster is approximately 8'X20' and would protrude about 1-2 feet into the alley. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-273)

Correspondence received from New Zion Temple Church requesting to block off Tapper Street from Merrill to Morris on June 15, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a outside community church event. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-274)

Correspondence received from resident Teresa Nava, 2304 167th Street requesting a residential sign due to residences from Tanglewood apartment complex parking in front of home with photos attached. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to refer to Engineering; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-275)

Correspondence received from True Word Evangelistic Outreach Ministries requesting to block off 817-821 Cherry Street on June 15, 2024 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. for their 1st Taste of the Grill Father's Day block party. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-276)

Under New Business, Funding Allocation Request Form requesting \$40,000 from the 5th District Gaming Fund to be allocated for the 2024 Sidewalk Repair Program submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-277)

Impact Networking, LLC Agreement with Public Works changing payment within 10 days to 30 days submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24- 278)

Request to waive the performance bond for 6333 Garfield. Mr. Smith stated that under rare circumstance do they request waiver of bond. The owner has been before the Board several times and she isn't going to be able to get the bond together and it would impair her ability to fund the repairs, young kids, divorce action and the outside has been cleaned up. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

SeeClickFix – request to paint lines showing there are two lanes at the intersection of 174th and Kennedy. Mr. Button looked into this intersection with the issue at the west approach and recommends that we do not make two lanes through traffic, the two lights are there not to create two lanes, it's in case one of the lights malfunctions or fails and requests to deny the request. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to deny request; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-279)

Request for Late 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. 24-280)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. Mr. Smith states the owner is not the requestor of 529 165<sup>th</sup> and request this be approved conditionally upon receipt from the owner for permission to use property for garage sale. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to rescind previous motion and approve garage sale permits with the exception of 529 165<sup>th</sup> with proper documentation from owner; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-281)

Agreement with Alexander Gorlin Architects submitted for approval. Mr. Smith states Mr. Button and himself are anxious to get this moving, it is the design of the downtown station funded through Ready grants which the Controller's office is aware. Mr. Button has been working very diligently on getting this moving. The redline is being reviewed in New York and requests approval for it so we keep things moving. Mr. Smith requests the approval of the document as redlined and in substantial conformity of the document to continue if slight changes needed but no changes made unless they are brought before the Board. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve according to Mr. Smith's request; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-282)

Under Old Business, Status 251 Detroit – Mr. Smith states the owner is Mrs. Del La Paz and have substantial issues that need to be addressed and funding may be a problem. Inspection has been completed and will present a rehab agreement. Mr. Lewter states the roof is done and will get a rehab agreement. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for June 13, 2024 for an internal status; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Mr. Twana Lawson, 45 Webb St. states the property at 51 Webb St. has been vacant for more than 15 years, there is dumping and requests it be torn down and help cleaning up the garbage. Mr. Lewter states they are working on an order to demolish, Code will be in charge of cleaning up the yard and process for demo has started. Mr. Smith states this is on the radar, title has been ordered to start the demolition notice and a time line would be in the fall before it would be demolished. Inspector Farrell will coordinate with Public Works. Mr. Long suggests Ms. Lawson to call 911 when she is aware of someone dumping so they can catch them.

Owner of Frankie V's Bar & Grill, 1923 Calumet, and is requesting to have live music on June 1, 2024 from 1:00 – 8:00 p.m. for Mr. Jeffery Smith's retirement party, which is closed to the public and closed off. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

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 9:20 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:

  
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Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:

  
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Linda Norville, Board Secretary