

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2022

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2022, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present; Mr. Perez – absent.

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

Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve the Minutes of the meeting of June 30, 2022; concurred by Mr. Margraf.

Under Matters from Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Button requests approval of “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop” signs at 174th at Alabama (2) and 174th at Arizona and to forward to Public Works for placement. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve the request; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-411)

Mr. Button advises that Whiteman Engineering, who is doing work for NIPSCO, has requested to work on Gostlin Street for their measure downs data on the sewer lines. Mr. Button gave them the approval and is advising the Board, not a lane restriction or closure but may stop traffic for a minute. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from City Engineer, Dean Button requesting the approval for the Agreement for professional services with Teska Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$5,500.00 for the LCR Pedestrian Bridge - improvements to the aesthetic design. Funding was previously approved from the ARPA funding in October, 2021. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-412)

Correspondence received from NIES Engineering, Inc., recommend awarding the 2022 French Drain Project to Salyer Plumbing, Inc. at a price of \$70,000.00 submitted for approval. Mr. Button states Salyer Plumbing is the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-413)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police, William Short, submitting the resignations of Detective’s Assistant, Dylennia Brown, retroactive to June 10, 2022 and Officer Timothy Shultz, effective the close of July 10, 2022 submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-414)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief, Jeffery Smith requesting the promotions of Adam Fulk, Kyle Dunlap, Sebastian Diaz, and Bryce Czepinski from Probationary Firefighters to Private Firefighters effective July 6, 2022; submitting the retirement letter from Senior Captain, Frank Bossi, who has served the citizens of Hammond for 32 years, and be placed on the Pension Rolls effective July 30, 2022; recommending Private Gale Evans be promoted to the

rank of EMT-1 retroactive to June 24, 2022 and advising EMT-1 Jamie Ramos is leaving the employment and is eligible for Disability Pension retroactive to June 24, 2022. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-415)

Correspondence received from Gariup Construction requesting to proceed with the River Drive North detour beginning on July 11, 2022 for approximately two weeks. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-416)

Correspondence received from Milestone requesting lane restrictions on 165th from Indianapolis Blvd. to Summer St. for the 165th Street Project starting July 12, 2022 and expected to last a couple months. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-417)

Correspondence received from Elisabeth Bes, 1502 Parkview Avenue, requesting to block off a portion of 115th Street from Parkview to the alley for a graduation party on July 16, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. until midnight with signature of the affecting resident. Additionally, requesting to place a portable potty trailer on the curb in front of her home from Friday, July 15 until Monday, July 18, 2022. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve until 11:00 p.m.; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-418)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set for July 28, 2022; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-419)

Under New Business, request to authorize the publication of the Notice of Request for Proposals for Police Ordered Towing and Storage Services on July 14, 2022 and July 21, 2022 with the opening date for August 4, 2022 submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. Res. No. 4111 (Ins. No. 22-420)

Right of Way Permits (2) submitted for approval from Engineering Department with road closures. Mr. Gordish states this is a total closure. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-421)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve; concurred by Mr. Margraf. (Ins. No. 22-422)

Under Old Business, Status - Jimenez Auto Repair. Attorney Bartholomew states they have wrapped up with zoning, talked with Brian Poland and they are good and working on the business license for the new property, submitted updated application; need to do some follow-up on business license; getting work lined up and permits. Mr. Poland states Mr. Bartholomew has characterized their conversations correctly, concerns with the business license sign off. Mr. Long states there have been complaints lately about many cars, no plates, expired plates and requests they clean it up. Owner's translator states they have cars dropped off in order to fix them for the emissions testing and some have no plates or expired. Mr. Long states they have

done a good job before and now there are complaints and requests they do their best to keep it clean. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set for status on October 6, 2022; concurred by Mr. Margraf.


Under Rental Registration Hearings, 845 Logan, 6327 New Hampshire, 6328 New Hampshire, 6427 New Hampshire, 6614 Tennessee, 2128 Indianapolis (3), 1651 175th St., 2226 White Oak (2), 1502 Myrtle (2), 2012 Calumet (2), 1528 Roberts, 1439 Myrtle (3), 1943 Warwick, 2006-2008 Calumet (3), 6703 Olcott, 1014 Kenwood (3). Mr. Farrell suggests all of the appeals be forwarded to Smith Sersic because they all owe multiple years. Recommendation by Mr. Long to forward to Smith Sersic for collections; concurred by Mr. Margraf.

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. McPipe present for late rental registration from last week on 1038 Cleveland and 1042 Cleveland. Mr. McPipe states he never received letter. Mr. Farrell will look into his records to see if he owes more than two years requests status next week. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set for status for July 14, 2022; concurred by Mr. Margraf.

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

APPROVED:

BY:


Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary