BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF AUGUST 29, 2024

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2024, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Greenwell – absent; Mr. Kalina – present.

Due to the absence of Ms. Greenwell, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve the Minutes of the meeting of August 22, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police, requesting to place an officer on paid administrative leave as of Monday, August 26, 2024 pending an investigation. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-844)

Correspondence received from Bernard Grisolia, Fire Chief, requesting the approval of the letter of retirement from Captain Robert Rycerz, who has served the citizens of Hammond for more than 28 years, effective August 20, 2024. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-845)

Correspondence received from the Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device licenses for Flo's Kenwood Tap, Portside Pub, Schoops Hamburgers, Billy Bear Bar & Grill and Calumet Laundromat. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-846)

Correspondence received from Brian Miller, Director of Public Safety, Purdue University Northwest, requesting permission to have outdoor music at the University Village residential halls on August 29, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-847)

Correspondence received from Brian Miller requesting permission to lift the residential parking restrictions for the 7300 and 7400 blocks of Alabama, Arizona, California and Colorado to hold their 7th Annual Fall Sports Festival at Dowling Park on September 9, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and also allow cars to park on JF Mahoney Drive. Residents will be notified and PNW police will be working the event. Mr. Smith questions if Mahoney Drive is wide enough with the new pavement. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve and send to Lt. Sparks; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-848)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting approval of the solicitation for Request for Proposals for the Downtown Hammond Station Platform. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-849)

Under New Business, request for advertisement dates for the 2024 Hammond Lighting Project to be advertised on September 5, 2024 and September 12, 2024 with a bid opening of September 26, 2024 submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. Res. No. 24-4175 (Ins. No. 24-850)

Request from Mr. Tony Scott, 22 Williams to paint yellow on both sides of his driveway due to neighbors parking too close and he cannot drive in or back out safely. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-851)

Notice of Violation for property located 4840 Ash Ave. Inspector Castro states an inspection found an illegal basement with no permits and low ceiling heights, owner has agreed to remove. Mr. Smith advises to present photos and notes to the Board. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-852)

Right of Way Permit received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-853)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-854)

Requests for late rental registration hearing. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for September 12, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-855)

Request from Derrick Bryant to use the parking lot directly in back of the building on 5260 Hohman Ave. on September 22, 2024 at noon. Mr. Darren Willis, Regular Grand Lodge is present and requests to use the parking lot behind 5260 Hohman for their outing with hot dogs, games, tv and registering voters. The parking lot belongs to HAST and will need their permission and the other lot is owned by Redevelopment. Mr. Willis will need to provide to the secretary a written approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve with proper notification of approval to use lot, not more than 100 people and no alcohol; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-856)

Status – 630 Stewart - Inspector Pajdzik states he has had no contact with owner since inspections and has reached out multiple times. Evidence presented and request to approve the Findings and Order. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-857)

Under Open to the Public, resident from 45 Webb is inquiring about 51 Webb. Mr. Smith states it is on the demo list and will talk with her after the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Kalina to adjourn; concurred by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:

Jeffery Long President

ATTEST:

Linda Norville, Board Secretary