

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, September 26, 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 September 19, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Bid Openings – 2024 Hammond Lighting Project.

Hawk Enterprises, Inc.	\$726,773.59
Midwestern Electric	\$562,560.04

Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to NIES Engineering for review, tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. Res. No. 24-4175

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police advising of the termination of Officer Tyler Johnson effective the close of business on September 19, 2024. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-898)

Correspondence received from Amy Smith, Insurance Administrator requesting the approval for the wellness screening with Powers Health – New Healthy Me submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-899)

Correspondence received from Rhonda Dowd, Deputy Director requesting to trade vehicles from Public Works to Albert’s to replace the ones received on the lease program submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-900)

Correspondence received from the Controller’s Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device licenses for Chuck & Irene’s Bar, Pudlos Bar & Grill, Jason’s Sports Bar & Grill. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-901)

Correspondence received from Milestone requesting approval to reduce eastbound and westbound traffic to one lane on 165th Street from Indianapolis Blvd. to approximately 500 feet west as part of Phase 2 beginning on or after September 30, 2024. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-902)

Correspondence received from Hammond Hermits Athletic Association requesting to block the intersections of 141st Street and Dearborn Ave. and 142nd St. and Dearborn Avenue on October 12, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. with EMA assistance for their annual Trunk or Treat festivities. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and forward to EMA; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-903)

Correspondence received from Brian Miller, Director of Public Safety, Purdue University Northwest requesting permission to hold their Honors College 5K Run/Walk on October 5, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and requesting EMA assistance. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and forward to EMA; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-904)

Under New Business, SeeClickFix – No truck sign request on 177th at Cline Avenue. Mr. Button recommends installing a new one since there is already a no truck sign present. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve and forward to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-905)

SeeClickFix – 1205-1213 Indiana St. – people disobeying do not enter signs. Mr. Button states this is more of an enforcement issue. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to deny signage and forward to Police Department for enforcement; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-906)

Right of Way Permits (15) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-907)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-908)

Request for Rental Registration hearing submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for October 10, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-909)

Under Old Business, First Baptist Church of Hammond – request to close State Street from Willow Court to Oakley St. each Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Marcus Lockman appears and states they want to close off portion to allow the buses to park on State Street in order to have better access for people to get on the busses. Mr. Smith states this might be something to think about and work out. Mr. Long isn't inclined to close the whole time and will need to think about this and find a middle ground. Mr. Long will meet Mr. Lockman at the site. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to take the matter under advisement and set for status on October 3, 2023; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Open to the Public, representative from R&R Food & Deli Mart appears and was informed that the business license hearing is scheduled for October 3, 2024.

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 9:24 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Tinisha Greenwell, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary