

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2021, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present; Mr. Perez – present.

Motion by Mr. Long to defer Minutes of the meeting of October 28, 2021 and approve the Minutes of November 4, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Bid Opening, Hammond Avenue Road Reconstruction and Rimbach Street Realignment Project:

Dyer Construction Company, Inc.	\$6,322,486.62
Milestone Contractors North, Inc.	\$7,928,773.04
Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$6,285,910.19
Gariup Construction Co., Inc.	\$6,747,500.00

Motion by Mr. Long to forward to Structurepoint for review and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2846)

Sealed quotes for the 52 169th Alley Sewer Project – alley west of Hohman Avenue between Lawndale St. and 169th Street:

Grimmer Construction, Inc.	\$98,500.00
Rex Construction Co., Inc.	\$59,750.00
Dyer Construction Company, Inc.	\$89,995.00

Motion by Mr. Long to forward to Engineering for review and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-750)

Under correspondence, Request for advertising dates of November 25, 2021 and December 2, 2021 with a bid opening date of December 23, 2021 for the Kennedy Avenue Reconstruction Project – 164th Place to 169th Street. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2837)

Request for advertising dates of November 25, 2021 and December 2, 2021 with a bid opening date of December 23, 2021 for the Little Calumet River Trail Pedestrian Bridge Project. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2838)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, Capital Improvement Board (CIB), requesting \$4,954.48 of CIB funding be allocated for supplemental utility work on the Chicago Street Phase 1 – Change Order Nos. 13, 14 and 15 - with Grimmer Construction and corresponding contract. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL.

Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-751)

Correspondence received from 4th District Councilman Bill Emerson requesting \$10,000 of gaming funds be allocated to the Overlay repair of the East of Calumet Avenue between 174th to 173rd Place. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21- 752)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief, Jeffery Smith requesting the approval of the letter of retirement from Deputy Fire Chief, Kevin Margraf, having served the citizens of Hammond for 33 years, 5 months and 5 days and to be placed on the pension rolls effective November 5, 2021; and recommending the promotion of Assistant Chief, Bernard Grisolia be promoted to the rank of Deputy Fire Chief retroactive November 5, 2021. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21- 753)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police, William Short requesting the following Officers be promoted to the rank of 3rd Class Patrolman: Officer Juan Carrasco, Officer Dillon Lessard and Officer Gregory Flores, effective November 12, 2021; and a disciplinary action. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21- 754)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Long to set for December 9, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21- 755)

Under New Business, Service Agreement with Tyler Technologies. Mr. Smith states this was reviewed and approved. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-756)

Agreement to Purchase Real Estate at 937 Conkey, Hammond, Indiana. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-757)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 7538 Tapper (Front and Garage). Mr. Smith states passed all inspections. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-758)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 7044 Columbia Avenue. Mr. Smith states passed all inspections. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-759)

Resolution No. 4099 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Hammond, by the Hammond Board of Public Works and Safety, to Enter a Lease Agreement for the Purchase of Required Firetrucks. Mr. Smith states Indiana Code allows public purchasing of certain items, in this case because of the emergency, there have been some issues with inspections and this will

allow replacement. Controller has appropriate funding. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21- 760 - Res. No. 4099)

Hammond National Insurance Inspection – 5248 Hohman Avenue. Mr. Smith states this is the Hammond National Bank. Building Department is proceeding under the Unsafe Building Act 36-7-9-9-, Mr. Geischidler did receive notice and disappointed they do not have the money to repair the building themselves. Hammond National Realty Investment is the owner, also sold on tax sale to FNADZ, LLC, who are not present. Mr. Kearney has a quote from Hasse Construction to do some emergency repair and are ready to proceed. This is not a demo, it's an emergency order to repair. Mr. Kearney has photos of notice being posted on building even though notice is not required. We've received correspondence from owner. Requesting to affirm the notice to repair even though proceeding under the provision of the Unsafe Building Act, do not have permission to enter building, this is all on the exterior. Mr. Kearney states the southwest wall is bowing out onto the sidewalk, brick bulging on south wall. Motion by Mr. Long to affirm Emergency Order to Repair; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-761)

Right of Way Permits (3) from the Engineering Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-762)

Disposal Authorizations submitted by Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-763)

Under Old Business, Status - 2314 Indianapolis. Mr. Smith states they have been trying to get rehab agreement with Mr. Barrientes, never did, previous order from September 2020, notifying the Board and requesting this go out to bid for demolition for this property. Motion by Mr. Long to approve to bid out; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 36 Locust – Mr. Smith states rehab agreement expires on November 12 and requests a status date. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on February 24, 2022; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 1219 150th – Owner present via Zoom and states he is working on paperwork and with Brian Poland on a variance. Mr. Smith says the City has given notice that the property will be up for regular demolition on December 2, 2021 for the front and garage. It's up to the property owner if he is going to move forward to get the variance, garage in terrible condition. Mr. Margraf states the variance has to be done first before any agreement. Mr. Smith recommends he continue to work with City Planner to get a variance and report progress but City's position will be to move forward on December 2 with the order of demolition and he is on notice to appear at that time via Zoom. Motion by Mr. Long to set on December 2, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 4905 Linden St. – Mr. Taylor present. Mr. Smith states some work has been

done, rehab agreement in 2016, has been working on this for the last 6 or 7 years, getting complaints from neighbors. Mr. Taylor states all the materials are there, plumber to start after Thanksgiving, all contracts have been signed, once plumbing gets started then HVAC starts. Mr. Kearney asks if its his intention to put on the 2nd floor. Mr. Taylor says yes and will start once the plumber starts because it will mess up his forms. Mr. Smith states that is great news and requests Mr. Taylor come back in 30 days. Mr. Long ask if he has an expectation when it will all be done. Mr. Taylor states the whole project should be done by April. Motion by Mr. Long to set for December 30, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-764)

Status - 7106 Chestnut Ave. – Mother present and says they have torn out the walls. Mr. Farrell says more work needs to be done, inspection set for tomorrow, coming along with the removal and requests a status. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on December 2, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 4407 Baltimore Ave. – Mr. Smith states this is the property that has a gentleman living there and trying to get Adult Protective Services involved. Photos to show the Board. Mr. Farrell states that there were trees falling hitting neighboring home, property is structurally compromised, not safe to be occupied, no heat, using stove for heat, singed along the wall, portions of the roof has collapsed in the bathroom area, no water service. Mr. Garza did not indicate he would be willing to leave the home. Mr. Farrell will attempt to work with Adult Protective Services. Mr. Long asks if the Police Department can help with this. Mr. Smith would like anything the Police Department can do would he helpful. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status for December 30, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-765)

Demo status – 847 117th St. – Mr. Smith will check on rehab agreement. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on December 30, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - Jimenez Auto Repair – Mr. Smith states Attorney Christian Bartholomew is now working with owner and has been in touch with Mr. Poland regarding the car wash property on Hohman. It is his understanding there have been cars parked there and looking into if that is an ordinance violation, also it is his understanding that originally they wanted to move the car repair service there but now want to open it as a car wash and requests a continuance. Mr. Poland had discussions with Mr. Molina now states he's trying to work with Mr. Bartholomew to get this up to speed with him. Mr. B states they wanted to open the car wash up short term and then work towards getting the car repair, they did apply for the business license for the car wash, to have it continue as a car wash is ok on the stance it's a continuation of a legal nonconforming use. Should they want to pursue the auto repairs, they could consider that as like legal nonconforming use, would not reconsider rezoning from C1. Mr. Poland states from their site plans standpoint it could be a auto repair with some tweaks to occur because of traffic flow. Physical conversion, he doesn't see a problem. Mr. Long states his concern is they have two businesses in one building

and are they going to be in any hurry to move the car repair business. Mr. Smith states that the whole point of this was to get them moved somewhere else and if they do put it there, it has to be appropriate in that area. Motion by Mr. Long to for status for December 16, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-766)

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. John Kennedy congratulates Mr. Margraf on his retirement and all his service.

Mr. Margraf announces we will not be meeting next week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Long to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Perez. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Kevin Margraf, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville-Moles, Secretary