

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2022, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present; Ms. Huerta – present.

Motion by Mr. Long to approve the Minutes of the meeting of November 10, 2022; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Chief of Police, William Short, requesting the approval for Officer Gabriel Nava to receive ET Specialty Pay effective November 11, 2022 and Officers Joel Orozco and Ryan Zurek receive CBO Specialty Pay effective October 31, 2022. Motion by Mr. Long approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-667)

Correspondence received from Special Events Coordinator, Aileen Ibarra, requesting permission to close Lyons Street from Calumet to the alley for the 2022 Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, November 25, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Long approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-668)

Correspondence received from ATG Real Estate Development requesting permission to install safety fencing for the property located at 219 Russell Street to address the safety concerns on the building with anticipated start date of November 18, 2022. Motion by Mr. Long approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-669)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Long set for December 1, 2022; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-670)

Under New Business, Funding Allocation Request Form received by 5th District Councilman, Dave Woerpel, requesting \$78,685.56 of gaming funds be allocated for the new digital sign on Kennedy Avenue for Dowling Park, Jean Shepherd and local businesses submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-671)

Agreement with Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC CMC to provide the City with the actuarial valuation for the 1925 Police Pension Fund and the 1937 Firefighters' Pension Fund submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-672)

Agreement to Rehabilitate property located at 7508 Birch Avenue submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22- 673)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 219 Russell St. submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-674)

Agreement with Stanley Security for upgrade of cell communication equipment in the alarm system at Public Works submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-675)

Billing received from HWC Engineering for the Hammond Fire Station No. 2 submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long approve and forward to Port Authority; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-676)

Right of Way Permits (4) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long approve; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-677)

Under Old Business, Mr. Farrell gives status on each property. 1414 Calumet – requests to be demolished, order was previously affirmed. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on December 22, 2022; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-678)

Status – 15 Ruth – Demo completed but no inspection yet, request status. Motion by Mr. Long set for status on December 22, 2022; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 3924 Henry Ave. – contractor working, making progress, request 60-day status. Motion by Mr. Long set for status on January 19, 2023; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 504 – 177th – permits were pulled. Mr. Driscoll appears via Zoom and states it is ready for final inspection. Motion by Mr. Long set for status on December 22, 2022; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 3407 Kenwood St. – permits pulled with rough and insulation inspection completed, request status. Motion by Mr. Long set for status on December 22, 2022; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 726 167th – permits issued, no inspection. Motion by Mr. Long set for status on December 22, 2022; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 19 Webb St. – permits issued, rough and insulation inspection passed. Motion by Mr. Long set for status on December 22, 2022; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status - 4240 Wabash – rehab completed, will submit order to rescind. The Board acknowledges.

Status – First Baptist street closure. Mr. Margraf states this was a status as to the busses being moved from Willow Court. Motion by Mr. Long set for status on December 1, 2022 and requests appearance as to explain why the whole street needs to be closed; seconded by Ms. Huerta. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 22-679)

Mr. Mike Van Camp appears and thanks the Board for their support in the past. An issue has come up regarding the South Shore at the end of Condit and Lyman, it is now a dead end. Mr. Van Camp has safety concerns and making it a two way would be impossible. Mr. Button states the will work on it to get done, will take care of right of way.

Mr. Button thanks President Margraf for service on the Board.

Jose Galvan, Summer Street, has an issue with local car lots, has been reporting this since 2012, inspections doing work vehicles and trailer trucks, 5900 Birch/ Summer St. Man has gotten physical, called police has made false reports, trying to do best to develop, people don't obey the laws. Mr. Long states he will discuss with Mr. Galvan after meeting. Mr. Galvan also states people are illegally having homestead exemptions on their property. Mr. Farrell states there is a statute statue, they need evidence, and they do file paperwork when they can and requests addresses.

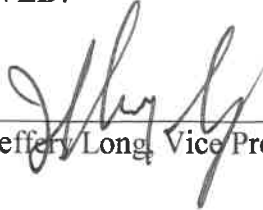
Mr. John Weathersby from Kingdom Hall on Northcote requesting “no parking” signs outside of the property. Mr. Button requests he submit his request in writing.

Mr. Long states after today, President Margraf will be retiring from the Board, he has served our country as a Marine, served the city as a Fireman for over 30 years and served this Board for many years. He has been a great leader and friend. We will miss him and wish him the best.

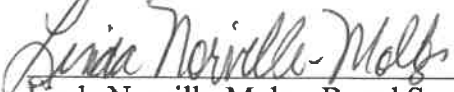
President Margraf states it has been a pleasure working on this Board with all the past and present members and staff. We always try to do the right thing for the city.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Long to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Huerta. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:   
Jeffery Long, Vice President

ATTEST:

  
Linda Norville-Moles, Board Secretary