

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, November 21, 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 November 14, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval for Officers Enrique Cook and Collin Lopez to receive Field Training Officer Specialty Pay effective November 8, 2024; and approval for Officer Ryan Gleason to receive Certified Breathalyzer Operator Specialty Pay effective November 4, 2024. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-1005)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$406.40 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the HAST Signage and Striping project submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-1006)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$19,800 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Repave of Erie-Lackawanna Trail – Design and Agreement with First Group Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-1007)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$41,500 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Kennedy Avenue Reconstruction – 164th Place to 169th St. and Supplemental Agreement for Professional Services with Lochmueller Group submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-1008)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$13,323 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the Marble Street Reconstruction and Change Order No. 2 submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-1009)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting \$31,704.32 of CIB Funding to be allocated for the 7500-7600 Blocks of Van Buren Street Resurfacing project and Change Order No 1 submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-1010)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval for \$137,248.67 of the 3rd District Gaming Fund and \$539,387.83 of the 4th District Gaming Fund be allocated for the 3rd and 4th District Lighting Project. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-1011)

Correspondence received from NIES Engineering, Inc recommending the bid for the 2024 Hammond Lighting Project be awarded to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder, Midwestern Electric, LLC in the amount of \$621,246.50. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-1012)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the approval of the Professional Services Agreement with NIES Engineering in the amount of \$55,390 for the 2024 Hammond Lighting Project. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-1013)

Correspondence received from Dean Button requesting the Request for Proposals for Street Lighting and Signal Maintenance that was approved for December 5, 2024 be changed to December 12, 2024. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-1014)

Under New Business, Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 1434 Sherman Street. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-1015)

Request for Late Business License appeal hearing submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for December 5, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-1016)

Emergency Demolition hearing on property located at 940 Field St. Mr. Kearney would like to declare this an emergency under Indiana Code 36-7-9-9 due to the condition of the property and the risk of safety to public, owner and to the property. Mr. Kearney advises the owner has been relocated and would like to affirm the Order. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-1017)

Notice of Violation Hearing for property located at 1530 Atlas St. Inspector Castro states there was an inspection and concluded it was not a 3 unit. The basement had code violations, and the second floor had violations with ceiling height and request to affirm the Order. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to affirm the Order; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-1018)

Plat of U-Haul Calumet Avenue Addition submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-1019)

Right of Way Permit submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-1020)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 918 Willow Court submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve and set for status on February 27, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-1021)

Under Old Business, Gas Station Exemption Renewal – 7305 Kennedy Avenue. Mr. Novak states all has been done except one window covering with shelving and states this has been approved. No action. (Ins. No. 24-1022)

Appeal Hearing for Late Business License – High Impact Towing. Mr. Farrell states this business has never been registered from 2005 through 2025 and requests to be forward to Smith Sersic. Owner Jose Garcia states his dad previously took care of everything but this year he took over as new owner. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to forward to Smith Sersic; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-1023)

Status – 30 Warren – Mr. Hernandez states the electrical, HVAC, and rough inspection. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on December 19, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status - 1463 Indianapolis Blvd. – Mr. Kearney the contractor says he hasn't been in contact with owner. Inspector Pajdzik states that all finals are in. Mr. Kearney will check on this. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on December 19, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long.

Status – 941 Reese – Mr. Bautista requests 60 days. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on January 23, 2025; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Rental Registration hearings, 7130 McCook. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive the late fee; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-1024)

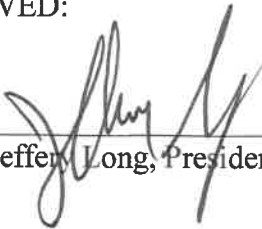
Under Open to the Public, Mr. Paul R. Buck states the residence do not want a gun shop in their residential area. Mr. Long states the business license was denied.

Mr. Josh Boyd is inquiring about 2-6 Ruth St. if it can be taken off the demo list as he is thinking about buying it. Mr. Kearney states there are issues with the parking lot, he will need to talk to Zoning and there is no immediate threat.

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.

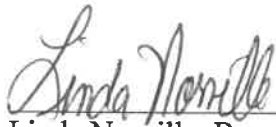
APPROVED:

BY:



Jeffrey Long, President

ATTEST:



Linda Norville, Board Secretary