

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, September 5, 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 August 29, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Button updates the request from NICTD to close Johnson and Torrence. They are currently forecasting for the 20th of September.

Mr. Smith requests to move Item 10 up on the agenda.

Under Old Business, request from Gas Depot Company Shell, 3350 Calumet Ave., and Neelam, Inc. d/b/a Citgo Gas, 3550 169th for an exception hearing. Mr. Smith requests the Board to refer this to PD and Tom Novak to review status and report back to the Board. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to refer to Zoning and PD for review and follow up; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-858)

Agreement to Rehab status – 7601 Golfway Court – Mr. Smith advises the demo order from 2018 was bid out. Mr. Lewter states the building has passed a rough framing inspection, plumbing and HVAC will be installed, this is progressing nicely and requests an extension on rehab agreement. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on October 3, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 1430 Stanton – Mr. Lewter stated an email was sent to Mr. Grabarczyk by the Board to appear and he is not in attendance. No status update on the property. Mr. Smith states we have been setting over since March, expired rehab agreement, bid opening was June 1, 2023 with an award and would like to know the recommendation. Mr. Lewter requests to move forward and once owner receives final notice letter, it may change because he has always been responsive. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on October 3, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 847 117th St. – Mr. Smith sates Mr. Ciers previously presented photos and had been working on roof, flashing on chimney, struggling with installation on the ceiling due to difficult angle. Mr. Lewter states a new demo report needed to be completed. There hasn't been much change and his recommendation would be going back to a rehab agreement and allow Mr. Ciers to repair and keep moving forward. Mr. Farrell advised that a waiver was entertained last time around and can do the same this time as long as there is progress. Mr. Long states the pictures show it is a big undertaking and want to make sure progress is being made week to

week. Mr. Ciers states he has broken his arms and is having family members help, work is progressing and will continue through the winter with family help and his recovery. Plans now are to finish insulation and contract out the lower portion for drywall by Christmas. Mrs. Ciers states she did send bond information. Mr. Lewter requests permits need to be obtained and calling for their inspections. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on December 19, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 6349-51 Jefferson – Mr. Smith states a new rehab agreement sent out. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on December 19, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 2314 Indianapolis Blvd. – Mr. Lewter states the Board sent her an email to appear and send a 10-day status letter. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on October 3, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-859)

Status – 251 Detroit – Mr. Lewter states she has an appointment to meet the bank and mom became ill, hoping to have a decision on finances next week. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on October 3, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 848 Truman – Mr. Lewter states the property is progressing forward, siding replaced, windows are on order, interior has been reframed, new HVAC, waiting on subcontractors. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on December 19, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Status – 4919 Pine – Mr. Lewter states the material structure work was completed without permits and advised the owner per the agreement all the work had to be done by a licensed contractor with permits. There has been no response. Mr. Smith questions how to proceed. Mr. Lewter says the work is probably close to 85% livable with a few issues and would like to keep on the demo list to keep moving forward. Mr. Smith requests the Board to refer to the Inspections Department for citations. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on December 19, 2024; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Late Business License Hearing – A.L. McLaurin Agency, LLC. Ms. McLaurin states she just had a lot going on. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-860)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police advising that effective September 3, 2024, part-time employee Maria Gomez was terminated. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-861)

Correspondence received from Sharon Daniels, Personnel requesting the approval of flu shot clinic agreement with Vyto's Pharmacy. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-862)

Under Matters from Board Members, correspondence received from Controller's Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device licenses for Hammond Beer Hall, Home Plate Pub and Old Glory Tavern. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-863)

Under New Business, Right of Way Permit received from Engineering submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-864)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-865)

Mayor's Night Out concerns (3) - Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to HPD for speed camera study and forward to HPD for review on Harrison to evaluate the need for a crossing guard. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to approve; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-866)

Under Rental Registrations, 2030 Davis. Owner present. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the latte fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-867)

1579 178th Pl. – Owner present. Owner present. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the latte fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-867)

3316 175th Pl., 3344 176th St. - Owner present. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the latte fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-867)

6348 Euclid Ave. - Owner present. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to waive the latte fee; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-867)

956 Summer, 960 Summer, and 4835 Calumet Ave. – No one appears. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to Smith Sersic; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 24-868)

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. Tony Scott, 16 Williams tree complaint and would like something to be done. Mr. Farrell states the Park Department evaluated and owner brought down one but now there is a second tree. Mr. Farrell will take care of it. Mr. Scott also complains the street floods when it rains hard in front of 16-22 Williams and cars are still driving

the wrong way. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward the tree issue to Inspections, forward the flooding issue to Engineering and PD for the traffic problem; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Indiana Turf Company, 7332 Calumet, owner wants to check on zoning at 7324 Calumet Ave. His business is next door and he believes people are living in there and wanted to check if that is legal. Two separate renters living next to his business. They run a food truck business and park their trucks there and dumping all their sewage down the drain, food, waste, he has taken pictures of this and drilling holes in his building. Motion by Ms. Greenwell to forward to Mr. Kalina; seconded by Mr. Kalina. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

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 9:46 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:


Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:


Linda Norville, Board Secretary