

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2024, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – absent; Ms. Greenwell – present; Mr. Kalina – present.

Due to the absence of Mr. Long, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve the Minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2024; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval for the reassignment of Corporal Timothy Kreisler from Uniform/Patrol Division to the Detective Bureau with specialty pay effective October 1, 2024 and the reinstatement of Corporal Alexander Montano effective September 25, 2024. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-910)

Correspondence received from Dean Button recommending removal of certain signs near the closed schools of Clark High School, Gavit High School, Wallace Elementary School and Kenwood Elementary School and to be repurposed to existing active schools. Mr. Button does not recommend removing the crosswalk signs. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-911)

Correspondence received from the Controller’s Office requesting the approval of the renewal of amusement device licenses for Sportsman Tap. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-912)

Correspondence received from Kelly Kearney requesting the bids that were opened on April 4, 2024 be awarded the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for the following properties:

Address	Award	Bid Amount
5629 Calumet (& 5627 Calumet)	JM Industrial Services, Inc	\$87,300.00
918 Willow	Actin Contracting LLC	\$13,410.00
54 Mason	Actin Contracting LLC	\$30,850.00
4625 Sheffield	Actin Contracting LLC	\$6,000.00
1021 Moss	JM Industrial Services, Inc	\$13,700.00
2104 Sherman	Actin Contracting LLC	\$7,900.00

Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-913)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Kalina presents the Three (3) Mayor Night Out concerns regarding the 7000 block of Monroe and the 7100 block of Harrison. Speed results were submitted from the Police Department. Mr. Button states the 7000 block of Monroe appeared to be of no concern, the 7100 block of Harrison was definitely elevated, additional details from Lt. Sparks and has some concern on the elevated speed. The rule is that if the 85 percentile is more than 15 mph over the posted speed limit, then something should be done and this was below that number. Mr. Button wants to keep an eye on this with no action at this time but is concerned that people are driving fast and would like PD to try to escalate their response in this area but not enough to make a significant change at this stage. Mr. Button states regarding the request for a crosswalk at 7100 Harrison, Mr. Friedman took a look at it and had not indicated there was a need to have a crossing guard at this location, doesn't meet the traffic warrants for a stop sign. They are looking at the request about adding sidewalks between Harrison and Edison School. Mr. Button recommends to refer the 7100 block to PD and no other action be taken on the other items. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to forward 7100 block of Harrison to HPD for traffic enforcement; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-914)

Under New Business, Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 1463 Indianapolis Blvd. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-915)

Order to Rescind and Release Order to Demolish for property located at 5661 Sohl Ave. Payment has been received. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-916)

Water Extension and Confirmation Agreement submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-917)

Disposal Authorizations received from Hammond Police Department submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-918)

Request for Rental Registration hearing submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-919)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-920)

Right of Way received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-921)

Under Old Business, Gas Station Exemption Renewal – 3350 Calumet Ave. Mr. Smith advises that they are good with FUSUS per Lt. Gootee and there are signs more than 25% covering the windows and the trucks and vehicles need to be removed in their adjacent lot which can be cited as a violation. Mr. Smith has no problem for Board to approve. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve the exception; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-922)

Status – 5235 State Line – Mr. Flores appears. Mr. Lewter states they are working on the residential area. Mr. Soto says they are working on drywall and should be done within 60 days. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set status for December 5, 2024; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Status – 1430 Stanton Ave. Mr. Grabarczyk stated he ran out of money and took a loan out to finish, receiving a quote next week for plumbing and should be done in 90 days. His address is 7126 McCook, 46323. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on January 9, 2025; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Status - 7601 Golfway – Mr. Smith states we have a 1st Extension Agreement. No action

Status – 251 Detroit – Ms. De La Paz states she is obtained an estimate on the plumbing for \$10-\$15,000 which she doesn't have at the moment due to her doing the roof this year. She is planning on painting the house and the and replace four front windows by the end of next month. Mr. Smith suggests since the paint and windows will be done by the end of November, set the status for December. Mr. De La Paz confirmed to appear. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on December 5, 2024; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

Status – 2314 Indianapolis Blvd. Mr. Lewter states she has reconciled with previous contractor who has agreed to come back and finish the job and continue to move forward. Property owner states she had some financial issues and 70% of the property is completed. Ms. Arana confirmed to appear. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to set for status on December 5, 2024; concurred by Ms. Greenwell.

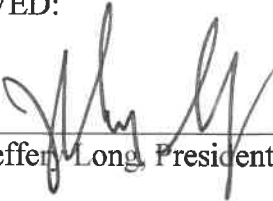
Status - First Baptist Church of Hammond – Ms. Greenwell stated Chief Long met the gentleman on Sunday and saw not problem with moving forward with letting them block the street. There is a lane available for emergency vehicles to go through and his recommendation was to let them do it. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to approve; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-923)

Late Business License – R&R Food & Deli – Mr. Farrell states last hearing she showed up late and was reset. Ms. Mona appeared and stated she had to wait for the tobacco license to renew. Recommendation by Mr. Kalina to waive late fee; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. (Ins. No. 24-924)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Kalina to adjourn; concurred by Ms. Greenwell. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

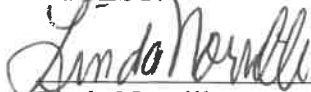
APPROVED:

BY:



Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:



Linda Norville, Board Secretary