

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2024**

The meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, June 28, 2024, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Long – present; Ms. Greenwell – present; Mr. Kalina – absent.

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

Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve the Minutes of the meeting of June 20, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long.

Under Bid Openings: 165th Street and State Line Road Intersection Improvements.

Rieth-Riley \$442,445.00

Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to refer to Engineering for bid recommendation; concurred by Mr. Long. (Res. No. 24-4169)

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from William Short, Chief of Police requesting the approval of retirement for Lieutenant Robert Tichy who has served the citizens of Hammond for more than 29 years, effective the close of business on June 22, 2024; requesting the approval for Officer Christopher Doughty to receive ET Specialty Pay effective June 12, 2024; and the resignation of Correctional Officer Michael Jackson. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-352)

Correspondence received from Bernard Grisolia, Fire Chief requesting the approval of retirement for Senior Captain Jeffery Dixon who has served the citizens of Hammond for more than 34 years effective July 1, 2024; requesting the approval of the following promotions: Captain Bryan Robson be promoted to the rank of Senior Captain; Engineer Gregory Johns be promoted to the rank of Captain; and Private Martin Padilla be promoted to the rank of Engineer, all effective July 1, 2024. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-353)

Correspondence received from Aileen Ibarra, Special Events Coordinator requesting to close the 5400 block of Oakley Street on July 11, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. for the Festival of the Lakes Launch Party. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-354)

Correspondence received from Felix Gonzalez, Director of Public Works requesting to place “no parking this side” street signs on the west side of Linden Avenue to 174th Place submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-355)

Correspondence received from Dayspring Ministries requesting the close the Maywood Street between Sibley and State Street on August 3, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for their annual Back to School Rally for the community and rummage sale. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-356)

Correspondence received from Fr. Nick Markiewicz from the Salvatorian Fathers - Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine requesting assistance and approval for their annual Marian Pilgrimage for Saturday, August 10, 2024 with attached route. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-357)

Correspondence received from New Zion Temple Church requesting permission to have a parade on August 3, 2024 starting at 11:00 a.m. from with attached route; and requesting the presence of fire trucks and police cars for the parade. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve and forward to Police and Fire; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-358)

Correspondence received from Casandra Dominguez requesting to block off the 7100 block of Van Buren Avenue on Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 1:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for a birthday party with signatures attached. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-359)

Correspondence received from Alexander Villa, 2350 Birch Ave. requesting to block off the side street of 124th to the alley on July 13, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for a birthday party. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-360)

Correspondence received from Ephraim Dorsey requesting a new late rental registration hearing date due to him not receiving the original letter setting the hearing. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to deny; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-361)

Under Matters from Board Members, Ms. Greenwell states the Board received a thank you from True Word Evangelistic Outreach Ministries.

Under New Business, Funding Allocation Request Form requesting \$68,000 of 5th District Gaming Fund be allocated for the Dowling Park Pond work submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-362)

Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement with Hammond Department of Redevelopment for the transfer of property located at 1237 Highland Street and 1241 Highland Street submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve and forward to Redevelopment; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-363)

Right of Way Permits (5) received from Engineering submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-364)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Police Department submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to approve; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-365)

Request for Late Rental Registration Hearings submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on July 18, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-366)

Request for Late Business License Hearing submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on July 18, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-367)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to deny 4323 Henry and 444 Highland and approve the remaining; concurred by Mr. Long. (Ins. No. 24-368)

Under Old Business, 5235 State Line - Mr. Lewter states the rough inspection was approved and will need a new 90-day agreement. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on October 3, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long.

4749 Hickory St. Mr. Smith states the rehab agreement expires July 1, which was the final extension. Owner Maritza Lizama-Gomez, JMGRE Investments, LLC states they had issues with the first plumbing contractor wanting all the money upfront, the second one never applied for permits and now they have a contractor in line, everything has been completed on the roof, final with electrical but not final overall and pick up debris from garage. Mr. Smith states the final extension is signed by Incomparable Real Estate Investments, LLC. Ms. Lizama-Gomez states Incomparable Real Estate Investments is the owner and she signed the agreement. Mr. Long suggests three weeks. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on August 1, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long.

6946 Arizona – Mr. Smith states Mr. Rhodes has completely rehabbed the outside and the interior is almost complete. Mr. Kearney suggests to rescind the order. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to rescind and release the demo order; concurred by Mr. Long.

6349-51 Jefferson – Mr. Lewter states the court date for the estate hearing is set for July 1, 2024, and hope to close so she has ownership of the house to sell this property. Mr. Smith requests to forward the name of the estate and cause number. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on August 1, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long.

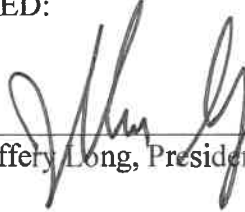
2314 Indianapolis Blvd. – Mr. Lewter said owner asked for him to speak and states a contractor is lined up and ready to go in 30-45 days. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on August 1, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long.

251 Detroit – Ms. De La Paz present and working on the electrical and plumbing to get an estimate, the roof is complete. Mr. Smith reminds the Board that Ms. De La Paz lives in the home and is trying to get these issues completed. Mr. Lewter states the electrical and plumbing work has to be done by licensed contractors, the walls or mold like substance would have to be done by someone who knows what they are doing, replacing any drywall can be done by homeowner. The electrical should be done first. Mr. Long suggest things keep progressing. Mr. Smith requests a status date and consider to waive the bond and obtain electrical estimates pretty quickly so we can know it is moving forward. Recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to set for status on August 1, 2024; concurred by Mr. Long.

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Ms. Greenwell to adjourn; concurred by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:



Jeffery Long, President

ATTEST:



Linda Norville, Board Secretary