

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
August 4, 2021**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mr. Snedecor called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held with the building open to the public and a call-in number for remote public participation.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Mr. Lain, Mrs. Longer, and Mr. Snedecor. Also present: City Attorney McCarthy.

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Nikki Lopez, Director of Events advised she has had an intern with her since March for the summer and introduced Sydney. She will be starting her senior year at Western Michigan University and will graduate with a degree in Marketing and Event Management. They Mayor thanked Sydney for all she has done to help with events this summer.

Approval of Register of Claims and Payroll Claims: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Snedecor, to accept and sign the register of claims and payroll claims as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Snedecor requested that the Summer Market Performance Contract for Reggae Express for \$400.00 be added. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the agenda as amended. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update/Review: Unsafe Building: Tom Gielezyn, Master Guys, re: 512 E. 4th & 347/349 Main St: Tom Gielezyn was present and provided an update. He stated he is wanting to do some changes and will be presenting samples for the Historic Preservation Board this month. Tom is hoping to have some results by mid-September pending the approval from the Historic Preservation Board. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to set this for review at the September 15, 2021 meeting of the Board. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Review/Compliance: Property Maintenance & Other Violations: re: 7137 Mississippi St., Marco Tamayo, Attorney Carrie Castro: Mr. Tamayo was present. A memo from City Engineer, Phil Galik was read into record. Phil and his team met on site and are working with Mr. Tamayo on the property. There will be a site visit before the next Board meeting on September 15, 2021. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to set for review and compliance at the September 15, 2021 Board meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

At the end of the meeting, Attorney Carrie Castro was present telephonically and Attorney McCarthy explained to her what happened and that the matter was set for review at the September 15, 2021 Board meeting.

Continued. Donation of Fire Truck: Tradewinds, re: 3198 East 83rd Pl.: Attorney McCarthy stated that the Letter of Understanding was signed by Tradewinds. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the donation of the Fire Truck to Tradewinds in accordance with the Letter of Understanding. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Review & Update: re: Cleveland Ave., 50' East of Cleveland Terrace on North side: Phil Gralik, P.E.: Both Donna Seeley and City Engineer Phil Gralik were present telephonically. Phil stated that he recommended that an "object marker" sign be installed to be a warning to drivers. He also mentioned to possibly install a no passing or speed limit sign at the inlet at a later date. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve the installation of the "object marker" sign and to have the staff investigate the area for the possibility of the no passing sign or speed limit sign. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Continued: Discussion: re: HPD General Order 19: Chief Zormier: Chief Zormier and FOP representatives Steve Aponte and Officer Trajkovski were present. Discussion regarding other cities/towns and what perks they offer were received from 7 different departments. Officer Trajkovski stated that 16 officers live outside of the City and 8 of them are on call on a regular basis. The main reason for the change in the order is to have better response time. More information was requested from a couple more cities and the Mayor will follow up with information. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this matter to the August 18, 2021 Board meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Request to plant tree in easement: re: 879 Union Ct., Donna Price: Per the City staff, it was recommended that a Flowering Dogwood be planted. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Snedecor to approve the recommendation of the City staff to permit the planting of a Flowering Dogwood tree in the easement at the owner's expense. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request to remove tree in easement: re: 100 W. 2nd St. Tessa Abenante: Per the arborist report, this tree is neither dead nor dying. There are pests present but nothing that is harming the tree right now. The arborist recommended to reassess the tree in one year. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to **deny** the request at the recommendation of the arborist and to reassess in one year. Mr. Lain amended his motion, amendment seconded by Mrs. Longer to **deny** the request at the recommendation of the arborist unless the homeowner wishes to remove the tree at their expense. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The request for the City to remove the tree is **denied**.

Request for Speed Limit signs on 69th Avenue: re: 2007 E. 69th Ave. Sandy Standford: The Board discussed this and recommended to revisit this in 6 months as there is construction going on in the area. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to revisit this at the first meeting of February, 2022. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request to Use Easement/Sidewalk/Walkway area for Event: Grangers, re: 437 E. 3rd St.: Nikki Lopez: Director of Events Nikki Lopez was present along with Doug Granger. Nikki stated that herself and Kelly Goodpaster, Parks Director have been working alongside Doug in getting this area ready for the Event and thinks this will be great for the City. The 3rd Street Bridge will still be available to pedestrians, but the walkway under the bridge will be blocked off. This is a 21 and over event that will be held. Grangers has the proper security as well. All of the ADA and Excise Laws are being followed. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the use of the easement/sidewalk/walkway area for the event on August 7, 2021 from 3-11pm. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Consideration of Sharing of Costs between HSD and City to upgrade ESRI License from ARC GIS online to Enterprise: City Engineer, Phil Gralik was present telephonically and MS4 Coordinator Tim Kingsland was present in person. Both Phil and Tim gave a brief overview of the software upgrade. With this upgrade, any changes made to the City sewer systems will be automatically updated in the system and will no longer have to be entered manually. Funds to start up will be \$48,500.00 and then

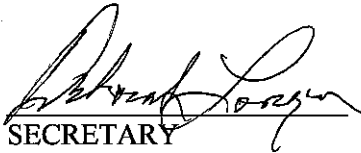
with the 60/40 Civic City split, the yearly maintenance and licensing will be \$18,500.00. Discussion followed as to possible impact of this change to the new Building Department software for permits. Mr. Fulton will follow up with information. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mrs. Longer to continue this matter for review at the August 18, 2021 Board meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

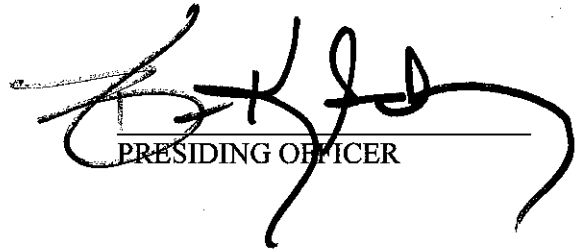
Consideration of Summer Market Performance Agreement: Reggae Express 7/29/21 \$400: Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the Summer Market Performance Agreement for Reggae Express for \$400.00 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Announcements:

Mr. Snedecor asked if there was anyone who wished to address the Board and there was no response.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 5:05p.m.


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PRESIDING OFFICER