

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
October 6, 2021**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mrs. Longer called the meeting to order at 3:30 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 and Mrs. Longer. Absent: 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 September 15, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Approval of Register of Claims and Payroll Claims: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept and sign the register of claims and payroll claims as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Tabled: Discussion: re: HPD General Order 19: Chief Zormier: This item will remain on the table.

Review/Update: Property Maintenance & Other Violations: re: 7197 Mississippi St., Marco Tamayo, Attorney Carrie Castro: Mr. Tamayo was present in person and Attorney Castro was present telephonically. Phil Gralik, City Engineer and Tim Kingsland, M4 Coordinator met on the property with them Monday. Mr. Gralik stated that the back of the property needed seeded very soon so it is stabilized for winter. There were 6 vehicles on the property at the time of the site visit, but Attorney Castro advised that Mr. Tamayo is using those cars for parts as it is cheaper to buy the entire car than to buy individual parts to repair other vehicles. Mr. Gralik will conduct another site visit on October 18, 2021 to update Board. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this matter for review at the October 20, 2021 meeting and Mr. Tamayo is ordered to appear. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Update/Review: Unsafe Building: Tom Gielezyn, Master Guys, re: 512 E. 4th & 347/349 Main St.: Mr. Gielezyn was present in person. He stated that the windows have been delivered but the tubing was still needed and that he should have that this week. Tom also stated that the bricks will be finished next week. He is hoping for completion of the front of the property by the Board meeting on November 3, 2021. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to continue this matter for review and completion of the front facade at the November 3, 2021 Board meeting. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

Update/Review: Unsafe Building/Sidewalk: Cagney's, re: 236 Main St: Phil Gralik, City Engineer advised that he met with a structural engineer at the property and the engineer will be provided a list of recommendations to get the room in the basement complete and structurally sound. The engineer stated that the sidewalk is not a danger to have pedestrian traffic on it and advised that the barricades can be removed. This will be about a 3 week project once a contractor is hired, which the Board would like done before the next meeting. Attorney McCarthy will send out a letter for the owner to appear at the November 3, 2021 meeting. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this to the

November 3, 2021 meeting requesting Cagney's to show a signed contract with a contractor. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for tree removal: re: 451 N. Lawrence St.: Brittany Kuzma: Per the City arborist report, this tree is neither dead nor dying and is not hazardous. The arborist recommended to reassess the tree in 3-5 years. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to **deny** the request at the recommendation of the City arborist unless the homeowner wishes to remove the tree and debris at their expense. All aye, motion carried. (2-0) The request for the City to remove the tree is **denied**.

Acceptance of Warranty Deed and Temporary Highway Easement provisions: Colorado Street Project, Parcel 22: Debbie Scurlock, Asst. to Engineer: Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to accept the Grantor's Warranty Deed and Temporary Highway Easement for the Colorado St. Project, Parcel 22 as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign the documents. All aye, motion carried. (2-0)

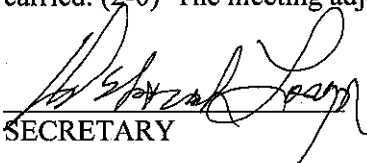
Announcements: James Kirby: 7201 Mississippi St. came forward and stated he is Marco Tamayo's next-door neighbor. He advised that Mr. Tamayo is still selling cars/parts from his property. Mr. Kirby also stated that Mr. Tamayo is not properly disposing of the liquids from these vehicles, that they are being dumped into the soil or being burned. It was also stated that Mr. Tamayo is being very disruptive at all hours of the night. Before each site check he removes a lot of cars and such and once the site check is done, the cars are all brought back in. Mrs. Longer advised Mr. Kirby to continue to call the police if he sees violations by Mr. Tamayo.

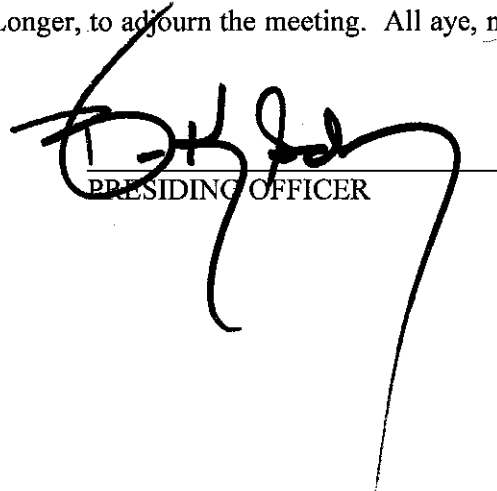
David Krueger: 7191 Mississippi St. came forward and stated he and Mr. Tamayo's property adjoin in the back. He stated that Mr. Tamayo has changed the grade to slope to the fence line, excavated in back as well as buried material and created a culvert to the Wetland. He doesn't know if Mr. Tamayo has obtained permits to do this work. Mr. Krueger feels there is no communication to him as a homeowner regarding this issue. Phil Gralik, City Engineer, stated that he was on the Plan Commission agenda twice and did not show up, and now won't be able to get an approved site-plan for 1 year. This is strictly mitigation at this point. Mr. Krueger also stated that he wishes to install a culvert on his property to the North which there is an open ditch. Phil Gralik agreed to go out and look at the possibilities for this and work with Mr. Krueger.

Phil Gralik, City Engineer provided an update on the construction on Colorado and 61st Ave. He stated there is a roundabout being placed at Colorado and 69th and should be open at the end of construction season. Once the Colorado and 69th construction is finished, there will be a 3-week closure at SR 51 and SR 130. Also that 10th and Lincoln should be done by mid-October, and it is an INDOT project.

Mrs. Longer asked if there was anyone who wished to address the Board and there was no further response.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (2-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:15p.m


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PRESIDING OFFICER