REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON, INDIANA BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY January 6, 2025

A quorum of the Board of Public Works & Safety (Board) being present, the Board met for its regular meeting on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 3:30 p.m., in accordance with all applicable requirements, notice, and authority.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Strick opened the Board of Public Works & Safety meeting.

Board Members present: Mayor Strick, Danielle Albertson, and Megan Bonbrake. Absent: Anthony Lisinicchia. Also present: Cory Boxell, Police Chief; Tony Johnson, Fire Chief; Shad Paul, Building Commissioner; Mike Hartburg, City Attorney; and Christi McElhaney, Clerk-Treasurer.

<u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</u>: Board Member Albertson made a motion to approve minutes of the December 16, 2024, regular meeting, seconded by Board Member Bonbrake. Motion passed 3-0. Minutes signed.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

2025 TRECS Agreement was presented for utility and nuisance ordinance violation judgments to be collected from state tax refunds. This program has been a great success through the years. Board Member Bonbrake made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize Clerk-Treasurer McElhaney to sign, seconded by Board Member Albertson. Motion passed 3-0. Clerk-Treasurer signed.

Fire Chief Johnson requested the purchase of a new command vehicle for the new Assistant Chief of Operations position. The price is just over \$51,000 and it is being purchased through the municipal bid package. Board Member Bonbrake made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Board Member Albertson. Motion passed 3-0.

Fire Chief Johnson presented the 2025 Fort Wayne Fire Academy Agreement. The City will be sending 3 firefighters this year for training. Board Member Bonbrake made a motion to approve the agreement and allow the Mayor to sign, seconded by Board Member Albertson. Motion passed 3-0. Mayor signed the agreement.

Police Chief Boxell requested the hiring of a new police officer, Logan Miller. Board Member Bonbrake made a motion to approve the new police officer, seconded by Board Member Albertson. Motion passed 3-0.

BOW Resolution 2025-1: Uncleared checks write-off from 2022. Board Member Bonbrake made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-1, seconded by Board Member Albertson. Motion passed 3-0. Resolution signed.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT:

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT: Commissioner Paul presented an Order of Enforcement on 245 Riverside Drive. The owner is Skyline Investment. Commissioner Paul started the process in September 2024. Commissioner Paul recommends a deadline of January 25, 2025, and due to not having any productive communication, he recommends a willful failure to comply fine. Board Member Bonbrake made a motion to affirm the Order of Enforcement, seconded by Board Member Albertson. Motion passed 3-0. After some discussion regarding the fine, Board Member Bonbrake made a motion to assess a \$1,000 fine for willful failure to comply, seconded by Board Member Albertson. Motion passed 3-0.

MISCELLANEOUS: None.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Board Member Albertson moved to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Board Member Bonbrake. Motion passed 3-0. Documentation signed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Board Member Bonbrake moved to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Albertson. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY, City of Huntington, Indiana

By as Mayor and Richard Strick Member

By as Member Danielle Albertson

By as Member Megan Bonbrake

By as Member Megan Bonbrake

ATTEST:

as Clerk-Treasurer

Christi McElhaney