

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Ms. Garay – absent; Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present.

Due to the absence of Ms. Garay, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Long to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 2, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred.

Change Order #21 for the Chicago Street Widening and Reconstruction Project at a cost reduction of \$7,359.00 for final quantities. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-282)

Agreement with SEH of Indiana, LLC for professional services in the 2019 6th District Lighting Project – Carolina Avenue from 165th Street to 169th Street and Tennessee Avenue from 163rd Street to 167th Street at a cost of \$42,800.00. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-283)

Correspondence received from Ms. Amy Radolak, President of HC3, requesting street closures from 169th Street, side streets Martha Street at Alabama Avenue to Kennedy Avenue, 167th Street to Kennedy Avenue and Vine Street beginning Friday, June 7, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. through June 9, 2019 at 1:00 a.m., police patrol during the closing of street, picnic tables, trash cans, an EMA escort for the lighted parade on June 8, 2019 and use of the Redevelopment lot at the corner of Martha Street and Kennedy Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-284)

INDOT LaPorte District 2019 Traffic Closure/Restriction Form for US 41 advising alternating lane restrictions will be in place beginning May 9, 2019 through September 9, 2019 from the expressway to Huehn Street. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 19-285)

Correspondence received from TPAN Ride for Life Chicago requesting use of the Illiana Marine Trail, Wolf Lake Trail, Erie Lackawanna Trail and the outdoor space at the Civic Center for their 2019 cyclist ride on Saturday, September 7, 2019 and Sunday September 8, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long to send the request to the Park Department and Engineering to determine if there is any construction occurring in the area; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-286)

Correspondence received from the Downtown Hammond Council requesting street closures, use of barricades, sand bags, event parking signs and permission to post signs regarding their 8th Annual Eat Shop & Rock, Saturday, June 15, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-287)

Correspondence received from Ms. Kathy Kazmierski, Special Events Coordinator for the Annual Whiting Fourth of July Parade requesting street closures from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the parade. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-288)

Correspondence received from Ms. Ester Holliday requesting information regarding the donation of 6345 Calumet Avenue to the City of Hammond. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, advised this is a vacant lot and there have been cut and clean orders on the property. Mr. Prieto requested this matter be referred to him. Recommendation by Mr. Long to send this matter to Mr. Prieto; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-289)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 1933 Roosevelt Drive. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-290)

Status hearing on property located at 227 Chicago Street. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, advised soil is being removed and progress is ongoing. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set this matter for status on July 11, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-291)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 2735 Cleveland Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Michael Coles, Inspector, Code Enforcement, appears. Mr. Coles said there was an illegal basement apartment which was constructed without permits and the ceiling height does not meet minimum code requirements. Mr. Coles then requested the Board affirm the Findings regarding the property. Recommendation by Mr. Long to affirm the Findings; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-292)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1114 173rd Street. Property owner appears, said he bought the property in March of 2018, had no tenants until August of 2018 and forgot to register it. Mr. Prieto said there have been no issues with the property. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018 and \$5 per unit for 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-293)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1532 Warwick Avenue. Property owner appears, said 2019 rental registration has been paid but forgot to pay in 2018. Mr. Prieto said there have been no issues at this property. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-294)

Rental registration hearing at 258 Locust Street. Property owner appears, said he has always paid rental registration timely but forgot to pay the 2018 fee. Mr. Prieto said there have been no issues at the property and rental registration had been paid timely. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-295)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 638 Locust Street. Attorney Robert Sorge appears for his brother, Mr. William Sorge, Sr. Mr. Sorge said the property is a two (2) unit, his brother lived on one (1) side, his ex-sister in law lives on the other in 2018 without paying rent and there are new tenants in 2019 which has not yet been paid for. Recommendation by Mr. Long to

waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2019 and to have an affidavit completed for 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-296)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 261 Vine Street. Property owner appears by his father said his son forgot to pay rental registration in 2018 and 2019. Mr. Prieto said there have been no issues at the property. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018 and 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-297)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set these matters for hearing on July 25, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-298)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-299)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf received correspondence from Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting \$280,000.00 of gaming funds be allocated for the 2019 Overlay Program. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-300)

Mr. Margraf also received correspondence from Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$65,300.00 of gaming funds be allocated for a design contract with HWC Engineering for lighting improvements on Arizona Avenue, California Avenue and Colorado Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-301)

Under Matters from Other Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Jonathan Parker, Engineering Department, submitted a contract with Site Services. Mr. Margraf asked if the Law Department had reviewed the contract and also if there was a corresponding green sheet. Mr. Parker requested the contract be signed subject to receiving the green sheet and that Engineering had already reviewed the contract. Recommendation by Mr. Long to defer this matter and refer the contract to the Law Department; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-302)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Long to adjourn; Mr. Margraf concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Kevin L. Margraf, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary

