

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2019, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Ms. Garay – present; Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present.

Motion by Mr. Margraf to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 25, 2019 and to defer the minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Ms. Garay requested that Councilman Mark Kalwinski and Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works be taken out of order.

Under Matters from Other Department Heads/Their Representatives, 1st District Councilman Mark Kalwinski and Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works addressed the Board. Councilman Kalwinski said Boy Scout Road will be closed, beginning tomorrow, until further notice due to the condition of the road. Mr. Gleason said both lanes will be blocked to allow crews to work on the road. Mr. Margraf asked if there were any businesses that needed to be notified. Mr. Gleason said there was one (1) gas station and entrances and exits will remain open there. Motion by Mr. Long to approve the closure of Boy Scout Road; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – Dowling Park Fields – Parking Lot Construction. Bids received as follows:

Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,115,585.96
Dyer Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 932,330.62
Walsh & Kelly, Inc.	\$ 954,503.81
Gariup Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 879,500.00
Site Services, Inc.	\$1,052,473.00
Gough, Inc.	\$ 843,300.35

Motion by Mr. Long to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4079)

Request for advertising dates of May 30, 2019 and June 6, 2019 with a bid opening date of June 20, 2019 for Torrence Avenue Lighting from 137th Street to 139th Street, Burton Court Lighting from Roosevelt Drive to Warwick Avenue, Hamann Court Lighting from Roosevelt Drive to Warwick Avenue and Roosevelt Drive Lighting west of Benjamin Place to Wolf Lake Tr. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4082)

Request for advertising dates of May 30, 2019 and June 6, 2019 with a bid opening date of June 20, 2019 for 139th Street Reconstruction – Sheffield Avenue to Hohman Avenue. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4082)

Supplemental Agreement #2 with First Group Engineering, Inc. for the Bike Trail from IHB Trail to the Grand Marquette Trail at Baltimore Avenue and 142nd Street in an amount not to exceed

\$7,530.00. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-303)

Agreement for design services with First Group Engineering, Inc. for 174th Street from Calumet Avenue to Columbia Avenue Street Lighting, ADA Ramps, Pavement Markings and Sign Replacement in an amount not to exceed \$31,900.00. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-304)

Contract for Design Engineering Services in the 5th District Lighting Project – Grand Avenue from 177th Street to Orchard Drive with HWC Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$41,400.00. Motion by Mr. Long seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-305)

Contract with Site Services, Inc. for the 2019 Hammond and Whiting Road Maintenance Program. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-306)

Correspondence received from Mr. Jonathan Parker, Engineering Department, requesting the “No Parking” sign on the north side of Spruce Street be relocated 20 feet west of its current location to reduce the potential of traffic blocking the intersection at Calumet Avenue and to paint the north curb yellow at the same location. Motion by Mr. Long to refer this matter to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-307)

Correspondence received from Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$41,100.00 of gaming funds be allocated for an agreement with HWC Engineering for design services on Grand Avenue from 177th Street to Orchard Drive. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-308)

Correspondence received from Salyer Plumbing requesting permission to close the alley behind 2468 Birch Avenue for sewer repair. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-309)

Correspondence received from Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc. advising there will be flaggers on the Indiana Toll Road at 108th Street from May 20, 2019 through May 24, 2019 for emergency substructure patching. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 19-310)

Correspondence received from MCI Metro Access Transmission Services requesting permission to install fiber optic conduit via open cut trench and directional bore at Sheffield Avenue, 129th Street and New York Avenue. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-311)

Correspondence received from NICTD informing that there will be a survey done and right-of-way staking on property that will be affected by a nearby rail corridor improvement. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 19-312)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr.

Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-313)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery C. Smith requesting approval of the promotion of Engineer Peter Terry to the rank of Captain and the promotion of Private Paul Dugan to the rank of Engineer. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-314)

Status hearing on property located at 242 Doty Street. Property owner appears. Attorney Molina fails to appear. Property owner has a bond and has hired a contractor. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, advised the owner may start work any time after pulling permits and requested this matter be set for status in sixty (60) days. Motion by Mr. Long to set this matter for status on July 25, 2019; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-315)

Correspondence received from Mr. Raul Correa requesting a rental registration hearing set for today be continued as he is out of town. Motion by Mr. Long to reset this matter to June 6, 2019; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-316)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 229 Doty Street. Property owner appears and said the property was vacant in 2017 and 2018 and has been registered in 2019. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said have been no issues with the property and requested no action be taken in regard to this property. No action taken. (Ins. No. 19-317)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3336 Kenwood Street. Property owner appears by property manager who said the owner bought the property in 2018, was working on the property in 2018 and the property is now rented. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-318)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1118 Moss Street. Property owner appears and said he lived at the property in 2018 and has paid rental registration for 2019 as the property is rented. Motion by Mr. Long to have the property owner complete an affidavit for 2018; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-319)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2333 New York Avenue. Property owner appears and said she is certain she paid rental registration in 2018 but cannot find the receipt. Mr. Prieto advised with the exception of 2018 all other years have been paid timely. Motion by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-320)

Status hearing on property located at 6145 Ray Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said the property needs an interior inspection. Motion by Mr. Long to set this matter for status on June 27, 2019; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-321)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 4619 Hohman Avenue. Ms. Kristina Kantar,

Corporation Counsel, said there is a new owner who wishes to make repairs and requested the Board affirm the agreement. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-322)

Order to Rescind Orders to Demolish and Release of Lien on property located at 14 Ruth Street. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-323)

Covenant of Use Restriction on property located at 6411 Forest Avenue. Mr. Kearney stated that the covenant will state the residence can only be occupied as single family dwelling and basement habitable space is prohibited. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-324)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Long to set these matters for hearing on August 1, 2019. Motion by Mr. Long to set these matters for hearing on August 1, 2019; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-325)

License Agreement with Code 48, LLC, 6821 – 23 Grand Avenue for groundwater monitoring. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-326)

License Agreement with Do-All Village, Inc., 837 Hoffman Street for groundwater monitoring. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-327)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, requesting permission to place a “Wait - Delayed Signal” sign at 174th Street and Kennedy Avenue. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-328)

Correspondence received from Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 7021 – 33 Hohman Avenue, requesting permission to close Ben Levin Drive and Meadow Lane from Thursday, June 6, 2019 through Monday June 10, 2019 and the use of ten (10) barricades to block the street for a church festival. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-329)

Correspondence received from Ms. Dianne Craft, We Care from the Heart Social Services, requesting permission to hold an annual homeless outreach, Picnic on the Lot, Wednesday, August 7, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with Russell Street closed off from Hohman Avenue to Ann Street. Ms. Dianne Craft appeared and said this outreach is in participation with the Lake Area United Way’s Statewide Day of Caring event. Ms. Craft then said the event is across the street from a soup kitchen making it easily accessible by the area’s homeless. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-330)

Correspondence received from Ms. Bonnie Rangel, 6821 Huron Avenue, requesting a “Slow – Children at Play” sign be installed on the 6800 block of Huron Avenue. Motion by Mr. Long to

refer this matter to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-331)

Correspondence received from Ms. Stephanie Martinez, 4017 Torrence Avenue, requesting permission to have a bounce house for a birthday party. Ms. Martinez fails to appear. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer said the area described is NIPSCO right of way which the City has no control over. Motion by Mr. Long to deny Ms. Martinez's request; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-332)

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-333)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf received Change Order #1 from CSK Architects for improvements in the Hammond Police garage at an increase in cost of \$4,708.31. Mr. Button said the cost will be paid through the jail fund. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-334)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Buddie Fennie, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1047 Kenwood Street, requested street closure around the church for vacation Bible school to be held on June 8, 2019. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Long to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary