BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 22, 2021, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present; Mr. Perez – present.

Motion by Mr. Long to defer the Minutes of the meeting of July 15, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Correspondence, correspondence received from Advanced Engineering Services requesting approval to restrict traffic temporarily on JF Mahoney Drive between Parrish Avenue and 174th Street in relation to the geotechnical engineering study scheduled for July 23 and 26, 2021. Mr. Dean Button gives a brief description. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-477)

Correspondence received from Midwestern Electric, Inc. requesting approval for temporary closure on JF Mahoney Drive to repair a high mast light tower on July 23, 2021 starting at 7:30 a.m., with appropriate posting closure signage and detour markers. The repair is expected to last 4-6 hours. Mr. Dean Button gives a brief description. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-478)

Correspondence received from Jay Buckmaster, Crossroads YMCA, requesting approval to close one lane of traffic in front of YMCA at 7322 Southeastern on July 22, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. in order to install a new HVAC unit. Mr. Dean Button gives a brief description. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-479)

Correspondence received from Milan Kruszynski, Port Authority Director, requesting permission for a fireworks display for the Hammond Marina's Boater Appreciation Night Festivities on Saturday, September 4, 2021 at approximately 10:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-480)

Correspondence received from Lieutenant Patrick Vicari requesting on behalf of Whiting Chief of Police John Totello, requesting the 1900 block of Atchison be designated as "no parking" on Friday, July 23, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the annual Pierogi Fest Parade. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-481)

Correspondence received from 5th District Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$10,000 of gaming funds be allocated for summer park activities and improvements. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-482)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Long to set for August 12, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-483)

Under New Business, Easement Encroachment Agreement between School City of Hammond and Sanitary District of Hammond, Hammond Water Works Department and Board of Public Works submitted for approval. The Board defers due to changes. (Ins. No. 21-484)

Right of Way Permit submitted for approval from Engineering Department. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-485)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-486)

Rental registration hearings: Property located at 2462 White Oak Ave. Motion by Mr. Long to waive late fee for 2020; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-487)

Property located at 1336 121st St. Motion by Mr. Long to waive late fee for 2020; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Properties located at 4104 Cameron Ave., 3933 Grover Ave., 1556 177th Place and 7976 Northcote Ave. Motion by Mr. Long to waive late fee for 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Property located at 2727 White Oak Avenue. Motion by Mr. Long to waive late fee for 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Property located at 1828 Indianapolis Blvd. Motion by Mr. Long to waive late fee for 2020 and 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, correspondence received from Ed Cox requesting to block Jackson Avenue between Spruce and Cherry for an open house/memorial on July 31, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with verbal confirmation from affected neighbors. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-488)

Rental registration hearing - 20 Highland Street. Property owner failed to appear. Mr. Farrell said this is occupied as a rooming house and needs inspection. Motion by Mr. Long to set for status on August 5, 2021; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-489)

Under Meeting Open to the Public, Mr. Button states YMCA request is to 11:00 a.m.

Christina Cisneros, 6832 Arizona requests block party for August 7, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Long to approve; seconded by Mr. Perez. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 21-490)

Ms. Alta Lavaso requesting a Mary McGee Homecoming Parade on August 28, 2021 have two routes chosen. Mr. Margraf would like something in writing with routes most suitable.

Mr. Margraf thanks Lynn Laviolette.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Long to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Perez. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

APPROVED: