

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2018, 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 August 23, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening for the Demolition of 1329 170th Street, 818 Bauer Street, 5603 Calumet Avenue, 6241 Calumet Avenue, 242 Doty Street, 18 Elizabeth Street, 1114 Eaton Street (house & garage), 6412 Euclid Avenue, 7601 Golfway Court, 7620 Golfway Court, 411 Hoffman Street (2 buildings), 4735 Hohman Avenue, 6020 Hohman Avenue, 7550 Linden Avenue, 506 Locust Street (shed), 1317 Michigan Street, 7150 Oakdale Avenue (garage), 4938 Pine Avenue (2 parcels), 6145 Ray Avenue, 2123 Sherman Street, 19 Waltham Street, 46 – 48 Williams Street and 7030 Woodlawn Avenue (garage). Bids received as follows:

Actin Contracting, LLC	\$283,640 – no bid on 506 Locust Street And 7030 Woodlawn Avenue
RSR Demolition, LLC	\$302,546 – all bid
JM Industrial Services, Inc.	\$231,050 – no bid on 506 Locust Street And 2123 Sherman Street

Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer the bids to the Building Department for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4070)

Correspondence received from Hasse Construction Company, Inc. requesting permission to use the southernmost eastbound lane of 173rd Street to access and exit the project site at the Hammond YMCA, 7322 Southeastern Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-782)

Correspondence received from Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting \$24,005.22 of gaming funds be allocated to fund Change Order #1 to repair a sewer issue in a project with Walsh & Kelly, Inc. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-783)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty advising Sergeant Keith Markert and Corporal John Riordan are no longer performing the duties of a Field Training Officer and will relinquish FTO Specialty Pay, the termination of Correctional Officer Michael Delnick and Disposal Authorizations submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-784)

Property owner of 2123 Sherman Street stood up and said that he has an unrecorded land contract for the purchase of the property but cannot get signature from the current owners as they are in jail. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said the property may qualify for Hardest Hit funds if demoed. Mr. Kearney advised the property owner to speak with him after the meeting.

Mr. John Latko, property owner of 18 Elizabeth Street, then addressed the Board. Mr. Latko said there was a small fire at the property and he has medical issues preventing him from doing any work on the property. Mr. Latko then said he has a number of people interested in buying the property from him and requested additional time to make repairs or sell. Mr. Kearney advised that Mr. Latko is in no jeopardy of the structure being demolished in the near future. Mr. Latko then gave a note from his doctor which said he is not to work in heat or do any strenuous work. Mr. Latko requested the Board furnish him with a letter stating the property would not be demolished within the next sixty (60) days. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-785)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting a Nederman Exhaust System be removed from their asset list and requesting approval of the Seniority Required for Promotion within the Fire Force. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-786)

Status hearing on property located at 242 Doty Street. Attorney Marco Molina appears for the property owner. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said the sink hole on the property has been repaired by the owner but is still waiting on an engineering report to determine if it was fixed correctly. Ms. Kantar then requested this matter be set for a status hearing. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for hearing on November 8, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-787)

Demolition hearing on property located at 4938 Pine Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Soto, appears. Ms. Kantar said that Mr. Soto is the owner of both lots and is aware a demolition order will be entered today. Ms. Kantar then said Mr. Soto wants to make repairs and will sign an Agreement to Rehabilitate. Motion by Mr. Margraf to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-788)

Status hearing on property located at 7222 Jackson Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Kearney said the property owner has done some work but it is unsatisfactory but some permits have been pulled for other work. Mr. Kearney then requested this matter be set for status. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for status on November 15, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-789)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6006 – 08 Hohman Avenue - 6 units. Property owner fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-790)

Order to Rescind Orders to Demolish property located at 7909 Belmont Avenue. Mr. Kearney

advised all repairs have been made. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-791)

Ms. Garay acknowledged Councilman Pete Torres in the audience.

Release of Lien on property located at 1329 170th Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-792)

Correspondence received from HBK Engineering, Inc. requesting permission to install fiber optic cable at Dearborn Avenue and Brunswick Street, 129th Street and Sheffield Avenue and Sheffield Avenue and I-90. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-793)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Port Authority requesting Sheffield Avenue–Sheffield Parkway from 129th Street to Calumet Avenue from 4:00 p.m. to midnight September 21 and 22, 2018 for concerts being held at the Wolf Lake Pavilion. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-794)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting debris in the alley of the 1100 block of Morris Street be picked up, debris in the alley located at 5625 Sohl Avenue be picked up and a fallen tree in the empty lot between the 1100 block of Cleveland Street and Tapper Avenue be removed. Mr. Kearney said that he received the letter regarding the tree but after going to the 1100 block of Cleveland Street, he is unable to determine the location of the tree. Motion by Mr. Margraf to have the Board send a letter to Councilman Higgs asking for an exact location of the fallen tree; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-795)

Correspondence received from 2nd District Councilman Pete Torres requesting the stop sign on the south end of the 5300 block of Old Columbia Road be removed, a “No Entry” sign be installed on the north end of Old Columbia Road and two (2) tall bushes on the north side parkway of the east end of the 1200 block of Indiana street be cut. Councilman Torres addressed the Board and said the bushes need cutting at the intersection of Kent Street and Indiana Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer the stop sign request to the Engineering Department, the “No Entry” request and the bush cutting request to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-796)

Correspondence received from A-1 Suburban Plumbing, Inc. requesting permission to cut a section of sidewalk, parkway and street to replace a damaged sewer line at 229 Doty Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-797)

Correspondence received from Morton High School submitting an amended route for a previously approved Homecoming Parade. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-798)

Correspondence received from Clark Middle/High School requesting permission to hold their Homecoming Parade on Thursday, September 27, 2018 beginning at 6:00 p.m. with route. Motion

by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-799)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set these matters for October 18, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-800)

Report of Contract Final Inspection and Recommendation for Acceptance of the Marquette Greenway – Lakefront Park to State Line, Des. No. 1382659. Mr. Mark Gordish, Engineering Department, said that he has reviewed the document and finds is acceptable. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-801)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-802)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Margraf received an Agreement to Rehabilitate Property at 19 Waltham Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-803)

Ms. Garay received correspondence from 5<sup>th</sup> District Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$50,000 of gaming funds be allocated for park improvements and tree removal and trimming in the 5<sup>th</sup> District. Ms. Garay said the Mayor has not yet signed the document. Motion by Mr. Margraf to approve pending receipt of the Mayor’s signature; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-804)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, the property owner of 7212 Southeastern Avenue requested a forty five (45) day extension of the Agreement to Rehabilitate to allow time to install new windows. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary