

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 22, 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 of March 15, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid recommendation received from First Group Engineering, Inc. for the 2018 Hammond Community Crossing Project Hot In Place Pavement Recycling (HIR) or HMA Milling and Resurfacing - 173rd Street from Indianapolis Boulevard to the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad - to low bidder Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-162)

Correspondence received from Councilman Bill Emerson, Sr., requesting \$100,000 of gaming funds be allocated for the 2018 Sidewalk Program and \$1,110,000 of gaming funds be allocated for the 2018 Overlay Program. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-163)

Right of Way Permit submitted to INDOT for a bicycle race utilizing US41/Calumet Avenue from 121st Street to 129th Street to Sheffield Avenue, Sheffield Parkway from 129th Street to Calumet Avenue, Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-164)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 5508 Calumet Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-165)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 7621 Northcote Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-166)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 1006 Becker Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-167)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 1206 Hoffman Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-168)

Correspondence received from Captain Rudy Grasha, Hammond Police Department, requesting approval of the purchase of an updated radio communication system for Hammond Public

Works, Hammond Water Department and the Hammond Port Authority from Motorola. Ms. Garay advised the radios will be tied into the Lake County 911 system. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-169)

Municipal Lease with Motorola Solutions for radio equipment. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-170)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting Correctional Officer Chad Thompson be promoted and receive a promotional raise, Specialty Pay to Officer Juan Ortiz and Officer Jonathan Kerr for performing in the capacity of a Field Training Officer, advising of the approval of the 14th Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament and submitting Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-171)

Hearing on property located at 1204 Lakeview Avenue. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said the property owner's attorney, Mr. Gary Matthews, has not yet appeared and asked this matter be heard at the end of the meeting. (Ins. No. 18-172)

Attorney Kevin Smith appears for the City of Hammond on the following demolition hearings. Mr. Smith then said all parties have been notified.

Demolition hearing on property located at 537 173<sup>rd</sup> Street (garage). Property owner appears, said she will pay for a demolition inspections and make repairs to the garage which has a failed roof, barded window and the garage door is not secure. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish and bid. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1529 174<sup>th</sup> Place a/k/a 1531 174<sup>th</sup> Place (rear only). Mr. Smith advised the property was demolished by the property owner and removed from the demolition list. No action taken.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1530 – 32 174<sup>th</sup> Street. Attorney Sorge appears for the property owner. Mr. Smith said the property has been vacant for years, with an illegal homestead exemption, windows are boarded, missing siding, overgrown yard and trees, a collapsing roof and the garage is covered in graffiti. Mr. Sorge said the owners will get a demolition inspection and then make a decision regarding rehab. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish and bid. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 3921 176<sup>th</sup> Place. Property owner's daughter appears, said her father died in August of 2017 and that she would like to make repairs. Mr. Smith said the property has a homestead exemption, a collapsing porch, a rotting garage and an inspection is necessary. Mr. Smith then said the lender sent a letter indicating that the property owner is responsible for repairs. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish and bid. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7736 Belmont Avenue. Property owner appears and said he would like to make repairs. Mr. Smith said the property has been sitting vacant for six

(6) years, has missing siding and a rotting overgrown garage. Mr. Smith then said a demolition inspection must be done prior to making any repairs. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish and bid. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7616 Birch Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said the property is vacant with water damage resulting in mold, boarded up, overgrown rotting garage, failing roof and missing soffit and fascia. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7627 Birch Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said the property is vacant, roof is failing, missing soffit and fascia and there is mold on the interior. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish and bid. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6910 – 12 Calumet Avenue. Property owner appears, said he has paid for and received an inspection but wants to sell to property as opposed to making repairs. Mr. Smith said the property has been vacant for three (3) years, debris in the yard, is boarded up and next to a school. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish and bid. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1009 Carroll Street. Property owner appears and said she wants to set an inspection to make repairs. Mr. Smith said part of the roof is missing, overgrown yard, a car parked in the grass. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said the entire foundation is bad and will have to be rebuilt. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish and bid. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 24 Condit Street. Mr. Brent Novak, Second Chance Home Solutions, appears and say he will have an inspection completed and make repairs. Mr. Smith said the electric and gas meters are pulled, missing siding, boarded or broken windows and the water has been off since 2016. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish and bid. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 233 – 35 Kenwood Street. Attorney David Weigle, for the property owner, requested this matter be continued to April 5, 2018. Motion by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to April 5, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6927 McCook Avenue (garage). Property owner, Mr. Cary Lannin, appears. Mr. Smith said the property has been cited in Hammond City Court, the garage roof has failed and it is filled with garbage. Mr. Lannin said that he wants to make repairs, will have an inspection completed and sign a rehab agreement. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4905 Pine Avenue. Former property owner, Ms. Barbara Montalbano, said the house was foreclosed on in February of this year and she has no interest in the property any longer. Mr. Smith said an inspection was done in February of this year, water off since January of 2015 and the gas and electric meters have been pulled. Mr. Smith added that the porch and roof are failing, windows are boarded and there is debris on the property. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish and bid. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1258 Sherman Street. Property owner appears and said she has no objection to the demolition. Mr. Smith said water has been off since 2015, gas and electric meters pulled, windows are boarded up, there is a door laying in the yard, porch is failing, as is the garage roof and the door is open to vermin. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish and bid. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 2040 Sherman Street. Mr. Smith said the property was marked "Uninhabitable" in 2013 due to a hoarding situation, no gas or electric since 2015, windows boarded, roof failing, garage in rear is missing a window and siding. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Mr. Smith then added this property has been sold to the Blight Elimination Program. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 717 Sibley Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said water has been turned off since 2015, gas and electric meters are pulled, illegal homestead exemption, windows boarded and garbage in the yard. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5541 Sohl Avenue (garage). Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith advised the garage was self-demolished and removed from the demolition list. No action taken.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7212 Southeastern Avenue. Mr. Smith said there was an inspection done earlier this month, there is a large hole in the roof and the yard is overgrown. Mr. Smith requested this matter be continued to June 7, 2018. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4226 Wabash Avenue (garage). Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspection Department, said that he spoke with the property owner who will have a contractor remove the collapsing garage. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 972 Wilcox Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said the property has been vacant since 2016, squatters have broken into the structure, no

gas, electric or water, windows are boarded up, roof is damaged and there is garbage in the yard. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 36 Williams Street. Property owner fails to appear. Property owner's daughter had sent a request to be removed from any further notifications regarding the property. Mr. Smith said the structure has been boarded up, no water since 2010, failing brickwork and porch and garbage in the yard. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6435 Woodward Avenue. Property owner appears, said his insurance company has not yet paid for damage done in a fire that occurred in November of 2017, but wants to have an inspection completed and make repairs. Mr. Smith said the structure is fire damaged and there is debris in the yard. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearings at (Ins. No. 18-173)

Demolition status hearing on property located at 5936 Birch Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, requested this matter be continued to June 7, 2018. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-174)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 7212 Southeastern Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-175)

Notice to Owners of Affected Property – 7920 Indianapolis Boulevard. Ms. Kantar advised the City owns this parcel of land. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 18-176)

Plat of the Menards Commons Addition to the City of Hammond submitted for signature. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-177)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set these matters for hearing on April 26, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-178)

Correspondence received from Ms. Anita Gilyard requesting Tapper Avenue and Highland Street and Tapper Avenue and Lyons Street be blocked on June 2, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for Hammond's Annual Heart Walk for the American Heart Association. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-179)

Correspondence received from St. Margaret Mary Church requesting street closure for Easter processions on Sunday, March 25, 2018, Friday, March 30, 2018 and Sunday, April 1, 2018. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-180)

Correspondence received from Chris Doyle, 716 Hollywood Court, requesting dog waste signs be placed on the property beyond her fence. Mr. Margraf said this issue is being addressed by the Hammond Port Authority. Motion by Mr. Margraf to forward a copy of the correspondence to the Hammond Port Authority; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-181)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Margraf received a request for bid dates of March 29, 2018 and April 5, 2018 with a bid opening date of April 19, 2018 for the 6<sup>th</sup> District Street Project - Colorado Avenue and Delaware Avenue from 169<sup>th</sup> Street to 165<sup>th</sup> Street and Nevada Avenue and New Jersey Avenue from 165<sup>th</sup> Street to 163<sup>rd</sup> Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2837)

Mr. Margraf also received correspondence from Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting funding for overlays in 2017 in the amount of \$150,000 be reallocated back to the General District Gaming Budget. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-182)

Correspondence received from Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting \$250,000 of gaming funds be allocated for 1<sup>st</sup> District Park Projects. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-183)

Correspondence received from Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$124,789 of gaming funds be allocated for a design engineering contract with HWC. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-184)

Mr. Margraf received a film proposal from Fox Television Studios for use of City Hall on March 23 through March 27, 2018 during the filming of "Untitled David Elliott and Danny Strong Pilot". Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-185)

Mr. Margraf received an Agreement to Provide Services with HWC Engineering for the 5<sup>th</sup> District Lighting Project – Alexander Avenue from I-80/94 to 169<sup>th</sup> Street, Marshall Avenue from I-80/94 to 169<sup>th</sup> Street, including 170<sup>th</sup> Street through 175<sup>th</sup> Street connector streets and Ridgeland Avenue from 169<sup>th</sup> Street to 171<sup>st</sup> Street in an amount not to exceed \$124,789. Motion by Mr. Margraf to approve subject to approval from the Law Department; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-186)

Mr. Margraf received a Protective Order from the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division in regard to opiate litigation the City is involved in. Ms. Kantar advised the Court has ordered plaintiffs to send Requests for Public Record requesting information about the case to the DEA and defendants upon receipt. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-187)

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Margraf to adjourn;

seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette