

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 3, 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 April 12, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Correspondence received from 6th District Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$592,705 of gaming funds be allocated for the construction contract with Hawk Enterprises and \$46,400 of gaming funds be allocated for the engineering contract with SEH of Indiana, LLC for the Colorado Avenue, Delaware Avenue, Nevada Avenue and New Jersey Avenue Lighting Improvement project. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-282)

Agreement for Professional Services with SEH of Indiana, LLC for construction supervision services in the 2018 6th District Lighting Improvements Project – Colorado Avenue between 165th Street and 169th Street, Delaware Avenue between 165th Street and 169th Street, Nevada Avenue between 163rd Street and 165th Street and New Jersey Avenue between 163rd Street and 165th Street at a cost of \$45,600. Ms. Garay advised the allocation made by Councilman Rakos is over the amount of the agreement and the additional money will be returned to the councilman. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-283)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work on Wildwood Road. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-284)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work on Michigan Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-285)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work on Hickory Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-286)

Correspondence received from WOW! requesting permission to install fiber optic conduit– Brainard Avenue and 1st Avenue – Burnham, Illinois and Hammond, Indiana. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-287)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of Officers Randolph Chavez, Coty Sparks and Andrew Webb receiving Certified Breathalyzer Operator Specialty Pay and the promotion of Officer Collin Lopez to the rank of 2nd Class Patrolman, effective April 28, 2018. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion

carried. (Ins. No. 18-288)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 252 – 54 Douglas Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, said that he has had no contact with the owner but Mr. Rich Castro, Inspector has. Mr. Castro then addressed the Board. Mr. Castro said there is a default judgment against the owners and this a single family home that has been converted into a four (4) unit building. Mr. Farrell then advised the bathroom door will not shut as the building is leaning to the rear and the number of units exceeds what would be viable in a commercial building. Mr. Farrell then requested the Board affirm the Findings to return the building to a single family home as constructed. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-289)

Emergency Demolition Award received from Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspection, for property located at 650 Sibley Street, front structure, to JM Industrial Services, Inc. at a cost of \$14,800. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-290)

Contract for Demolition Services for 650 Sibley Street – front structure – with JM Industrial Services, Inc. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES AL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-291)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set these matters for hearing on June 14, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-292)

Correspondence received from Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 7021 – 33 Hohman Avenue, requesting permission to close Ben Levin Drive and Meadow Lane, Thursday, June 7, 2018 through Monday, June 11, 2018 and ten (10) barricades to block streets. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-293)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-294)

Ms. Kantar wished Mr. Jaime Prieto Happy Birthday.

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf received bids for the emergency demolition of 5251 – 53 Hohman Avenue. Bids received as follows:

Actin Contracting, LLC	\$ 98,700
RSR Demolition	\$110,000
JM Industrial Services, Inc.	\$ 86,800

Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer the bids to the Building Department for review and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-295)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, property owner of 913 Summer Street, Mr. Nabil Ghanimeh, appears and requested permission to place a dumpster at this property beginning Monday, May 7, 2018 for four (4) to seven (7) days. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Mr. Ghanimeh also said the First Baptist Church hosts homeless people overnight but these people must leave in the morning which causes problems. Mr. Ghanimeh then said Munster and Griffith police “dump” people at First Baptist who are drug addicts. Ms. Garay said she would request the Hammond Police conduct extra patrol in that area.

Mr. Robert Sorge then addressed the Board. Mr. Sorge said he lives on Wildwood Road and the alley behind his house is one (1) way, leads to State Line Avenue which has Illinois residents parking on the Indiana side. Mr. Sorge then said RV’s, U-Haul’s and limousines park there making it extremely difficult to see oncoming traffic. Mr. Sorge then requested “No Parking” or “Residential Parking Only” signs posted at this location. Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-296)

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 9:25 a.m.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary