

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2018, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Ms. Garay - absent; Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long - present.

Due to the absence of Ms. Garay, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve the minutes of the meetings of June 7, 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred.

Bid opening – Hermits Park Road Extension. Bids received as follows:

Ellas Construction Co., Inc.	\$185,767.90 – subject to locating Non Collusion Affidavit
Dyer Construction Co., Inc.	\$162,365.71
Walsh & Kelly, Inc.	\$142,260.00
Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$178,075.45
Gough, Inc.	\$169,887.00

Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Res. No. 4068)

Change Order No. 2 for the Rhode Avenue Reconstruction Project received from Nies Engineering, Inc. with a decrease in cost of \$24,595.51 due to the finalization of quantities. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-475)

Copy of correspondence to Superior Street residents from Gatlin Plumbing & Heating, Inc. advising of water main work that will be done beginning Tuesday, June 12, 2018 through June 25, 2018 and asking all residents not to park on the street during that time. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 18-476)

Correspondence received from Meade requesting lane closure on 169th Street east and west bound between Idaho Avenue and Kentucky Avenue and a portion of the east bound turn lane between Illinois Avenue and Kansas Avenue for replacing underground electric for NIPSCO, with work beginning after approval for three (3) days. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, said he had met with NIPSCO and is in agreement with the road closures. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-477)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-478)

Second Addendum to Towing Contract received from D.C. Towing (Zone Two). Ms. Kristina Kantar, Corporation Counsel, said this is an extension for tow service until June 1, 2019.

Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-479)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith advising of the retirement of Battalion Chief Kenneth Crandol with service to the City of Hammond of 27 years. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 18-480)

Sales Disclosure Form submitted for signature. Ms. Kantar said that the form is required to be submitted when a deed is being filed, as will be necessary when the deed from CSX donating railroad bridge 20.1 over the Grand Calumet River with 3.55 acres of land bound on the north by the Grand Calumet River and on the south by Hohman Avenue and the CSXT Railroad corridor is recorded. Ms. Kantar then said the bridge was donated to the City in 1987 but the deed was never recorded. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-481)

Notice of bids to be accepted for the demolition of 537 173rd Street (garage only), 1530 – 32 174th Street, 3921 176th Place, 7736 Belmont Avenue, 7616 Birch Avenue, 7627 Birch Avenue, 6910 – 12 Calumet Avenue, 1009 Carroll Street, 7523 – 75 Columbia Avenue, 24 Condit Street, 233 – 35 Kenwood Street, 420 Lewis Street, 7540 Linden Avenue, 7546 Linden Avenue, 7614 Linden Avenue, 7622 Linden Avenue, 6927 McCook Avenue (garage only), 4905 Pine Avenue, 14 – 16 Rimbach Street (2 units), 1258 Sherman Street, 2040 Sherman Street, 2123 Sherman Street, 717 Sibley Street, 972 Wilcox Street, 36 Williams Street and 6435 Woodward Avenue on June 28, 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-482) (Res. No. 4069)

Emergency Demolition Award for property located at 1810 Brown Avenue to JM Industrial Services, Inc. at a cost of \$5,800. Ms. Kantar said the property owner's insurance company sent a check for payment. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-483)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4220 Hohman Avenue. Property owner appears and said that he came in to pay on April 30, 2018 which he thought was the deadline. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said 2018 rental registration is unpaid. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-484)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 5530, 5538, 5550, 5610, 5618, 5630, 5638, 5650, 5658, 420, 428, 440 and 448 Hyles Boulevard, 500, 501, 504, 505, 5710 and 5714 Hyles Court, 5701, 5705, 5709, 5713, 5715, 5716, 5719, 5720, 501, 505, 508, 512, 516, 519, 520 and 523 Pointe Drive. Property manager, Mr. Richard Jeffries, appeared. Mr. Kearney said that he does not believe all addresses have been reported on the request for this hearing. Mr. Jeffries said that there are 284 units in Douglas Pointe and he is not sure of the apartment count in each address. Mr. Kearney said this is the first time rental registration was not paid and requested no late fee be assessed. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee, assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018 pending the exact number of units and to continue this matter to June 28, 2018 to have Mr. Jeffries report the number; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-485)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6360 Hohman Avenue and 1413 Brown Avenue. Property owner appears by property manager who said the addresses are foreclosed

properties and 1413 Brown Avenue is vacant. Mr. Kearney said there was an appeal hearing in 2014 prior to the current property owner and was given to Smith Sersic for collection. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit and to have the property owner complete an affidavit regarding 1413 Brown Avenue being vacant; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-486)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 956 Summer Street, 960 Summer Street and 4835 Calumet Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Hildy Garza, appears, said that she lives at 956 Summer Street, 960 Summer Street is vacant and that she wrote a check for 4835 Calumet Avenue but never mailed it and just rented 4835 Calumet Avenue in September of 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration of \$5 per unit for 4835 Calumet Avenue and to complete an affidavit regarding 960 Summer Street being vacant; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-487)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6838 Baring Avenue and 6840 Baring Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Kearney said rental registration has not been paid for in 2016 and 2017 with water usage levels showing the units were occupied. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2017 and 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-488)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 259 Humpfer Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Kearney advised rental registration for 2016, 2017 and 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Long to assess the late fee of \$500 2016, \$500 for 2017 and \$500 for 2018 and rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2016, 2017 and 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-489)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1716 170th Street, 6115 Noble Avenue and 266 Carroll Street. Attorney James Driscoll requested, by email, a request to continue the hearings until June 28, 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Long to reset these matters to June 28, 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-490)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4322 Tennessee Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Carol Molson, appears, said her husband died in September of 2017 and he took care of the rental registration payment. Ms. Molson then said she did not receive a reminder card to pay. Mr. Kearney said there have not been any issues at the property. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-491)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on Property located at 7440 Rhode Island Avenue (1 unit). Ms. Kantar said the property became a rental after the deadline had passed. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-492)

Correspondence received from 5th District Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$50,000 of gaming funds be allocated to the Park Department for activities and improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-493)

Correspondence received from the Port Authority requesting the Hammond Fire Department be notified of fireworks shows at the Marina on July 4, 2018 and also at Venetian Night on July 7, 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-494)

Correspondence received from Mr. John Vezmar, Multimedia Coordinator, IT Department, requesting permission to close the unused portion of eastbound Cline Avenue (between Cline Avenue and the barricades) on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for Festival of the Lakes media marketing services. Ms. Kantar said Cline Avenue is a State road and the Board does not have authority to grant closure. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer this to Engineering to determine if the area requested belongs to the State and also to refer this matter to EMA; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-495)

Amusement Devices for the week of June 11, 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-496)

Correspondence received from Dayspring Ministries requesting Maywood Street between Sibley Street and State Street be closed on July 14, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for their 7th Annual Back to School Rally and for an outdoor worship service on July 15, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 910 – 12 State Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer this matter to the Police Department and Public Works for approval; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-497)

Correspondence received from Ms. Raquel Wilson, 1235 149th Street, requesting permission to hold a birthday party with street closure on 149th Street on June 23, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer this matter to the Police Department and Public Works for approval; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-498)

Correspondence received from Horseshoe Casino requesting two (2) Chicago Skyway signs, one (1) at the intersection of Casino Center Drive and Indianapolis Boulevard and the other on Casino Center Drive. Mr. Button said the City can install the sign on Casino Center Drive but the other sign on Indianapolis Boulevard will have to be approved by INDOT. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-499)

Correspondence received from Mr. Scott Betustak, requesting permission to hold a party on July 7, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with alley closure from 439 139th Street to 445 139th Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer this matter to the Police Department and Public Works for approval; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-500)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gus Moreno, 6735 Rhode Island Avenue, requesting permission to hold a block party on July 4, 2018 with street closure of the 6700 – 6800 block of Rhode Island Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer this matter to the Police Department and Public Works for approval; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-501)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-502)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Margraf received a request from Ms. Maria Gonzalez to correct the number of units listed on her rental registration Findings from one (1) to two (2) units. Recommendation by Mr. Long to correct the number of units to two (2); Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-503)

Request received from Ken and Carroll Hickok requesting the date currently set for a rental registration hearing be changed to June 21, 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Long to change the hearing date to June 21, 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. Ins. No. 18-504)

Under Old Business, request to place a storage pod on the street at 1037 River Drive for a one (1) month time period. Mr. Button sent correspondence advising that the road is wide enough for street parking and requested notification of firm dates. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-505)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; Mr. Long concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin Margraf, Vice President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary

The meeting reopened at 9:58 a.m. A roll call was taken: Ms. Garay – absent; Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present.

Due to the absence of Ms. Garay, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

A garage sale permit was submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-506)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; Mr. Long concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

APPROVED:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin Margraf, Vice President

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