

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2018, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Ms. Garay - present; Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – absent.

Due to the absence of Mr. Long, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 28, 2018; Ms. Garay concurred.

Request for advertising dates of July 19, 2018 and July 26, 2018 with a bid opening date of August 9, 2018 for the 6th District Local Street Project – Kenwood Street Reconstruction – Kennedy Avenue to Alley. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Res. No. 2837)

Bid recommendation received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, for the replacement of water services on Hohman Avenue to Salyer Plumbing and to declare the repair an emergency. Mr. Button said Salyer Plumbing is the low bidder at \$250,000 and that this project requires being declared an emergency due to the main leaking water on the 4000, 4100, 4200 and 4300 blocks of Hohman Avenue which will require 84 water services being replaced. Ms. Garay asked where funding for this project would be coming from and Mr. Button replied Shared Gaming, the same as them matching fund for the Community Crossings project. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to declare this project an emergency and to award the project to Salyer Plumbing; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-561)

Correspondence received from Comcast requesting permission to install CATV cable at 6518 Columbia Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-562)

Correspondence received from NIPSCO requesting permission to open cut across New York Avenue to complete installation of 6” conduit. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-563)

Change Order No. 021 received from Leopardo Companies, Inc. for additional street lighting, park lighting and Civic Center work. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-564)

Correspondence received from Comcast requesting permission to install cable at the Sportsplex. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-565)

Correspondence received from 1st District Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting \$10,000 of gaming funds be allocated to the Park Gaming Fund 282 for summer park activities and improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-566)

Correspondence received from 4th District Councilman Bill Emerson requesting \$10,000 of gaming funds be allocated to the Park Gaming Fund 282 for summer park activities and improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-567)

Public hearing - Blight Elimination Program – Round 2. Attorney Nicole Bennett, representing the Redevelopment Commission and the City of Hammond appeared. Ms. Bennett said the properties listed in the Blight Elimination Program, Rounds One and Two, 818 Bauer Street, 24 Condit Street, 242 Doty Street, 18 Elizabeth Street, 6412 Euclid Avenue, 411 Hoffman Street, 4735 Hohman Avenue, 6020 Hohman Avenue, 233 – 35 Kenwood Street, 1317 Michigan Street, 4905 Pine Avenue, 4938 Pine Avenue, 6145 Ray Avenue, 14 – 16 Rimbach Street, 2040 Sherman Street, 2123 Sherman Street, 19 Waltham Street, 972 Wilcox Street and 36 Williams Street, will be acquired by the Hammond Redevelopment Commission, United Neighborhoods, Inc. and NSP Consultants and then demolished. Ms. Bennett asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak regarding the properties listed. Mr. Bill Richmond asked when 233 – 35 Kenwood Street was going to be demolished. Chief of Inspections, Mr. Kelly Kearney, said the bid has been awarded and he can speak with Mr. Richmond. Ms. Bennett then asked if there was anyone else who wanted to speak. There being no response, Ms. Garay closed the public meeting. (Ins. No. 18-568)

Bid recommendation received from Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, for demolition bids opened on June 28, 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-569)

Rental registration hearing on property located at Douglas Pointe Apartments. Property manager of Douglas Pointe Apartments fails to appear. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Code Enforcement Commissioner, advised that there are 320 rental units at the apartment complex. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for the year 2018; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-570)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 716 170th Street. Property owner's friend appears. Mr. Prieto requested a late fee as this property has already been through the appeal process and the late fee was waived. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to assess a late fee of \$500 and rental registration of \$5 per unit for the year 2018; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-571)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1034 Bauer Street. Property owner appears and said she forgot to pay and has no other excuse. Mr. Prieto said there are no issues with the property and 2018 is due. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess \$5 per unit for 2018; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-572)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7337 Howard Avenue. Property owner appears and said he bought the property in October of 2017, paid rental registration in October of 2017 and thought it was good through October of 2018. Mr. Prieto said there are no issues with the property. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-573)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1245 Hoffman Street and 7445 Monroe

Avenue. Property owner appears. Mr. Prieto said the property owner bought the property in 2013, had said he lives at 1245 Hoffman Street, has a current homestead exemption on the property but has a mailing address in Illinois. Mr. Prieto said he would like this address sent to Smith Sersic for collection and 7445 Monroe Avenue has no issues and 2018 is due. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee for 7445 Monroe Avenue and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-574)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6641 Carolina Avenue, 1503 Calumet Avenue, 6424 Grand Avenue, 4330 Columbia Avenue, 637 173rd Street, 3250 163rd Street, 235 Locust Street, 7962 Birch Drive, 6315 Ohio Avenue, 1130 Spruce Street, 1839 169th Street, 2933 Gibson Place, 3323 Kenwood Street, 6731 Baring Avenue, 7220 Southeastern Avenue, 7411 Missouri Avenue, 925 Cherry Street and 6336 Nevada Avenue. Property owner, by property manager, appears. Mr. Prieto said 1503 – 05 Calumet Avenue is a two (2) unit property, in which one (1) unit is owner occupied, and owes rental registration for 2017 and 2018. Mr. Prieto requested one (1) late fee be assessed. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to assess one (1) late fee of \$500 and rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2017 and 2018; Ms. Gary concurred. Mr. Prieto continued with property located at 6424 Grand Avenue, single family home, owes rental registration for the years 2017 and 2018 and requested no late fee be added. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2017 and 2018; Ms. Garay concurred. Property at 6641 Carolina Avenue, 4330 Columbia Avenue, 637 – 173rd Street, 3250 163rd Street, 235 Locust Street, 7962 Birch Drive, 6315 Ohio Avenue, 1130 Spruce Street, 1839 169th Street, 2933 Gibson Place, 3323 Kenwood Street, 6731 Baring Avenue, 7220 Southeastern Avenue, 925 Cherry Street, 6336 Nevada Avenue and 7411 Missouri Avenue are all one (1) unit, no issues at the properties and owe for 2018 only. Mr. Prieto requested no late fee be added to the properties. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee on the properties and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-575)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set these matters for August 9, 2018; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-576)

Order to Rescind Orders to Demolish property located at 4430 Baltimore Avenue. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said the Inspections Department will monitor the property. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-577)

Status hearing on property located at 7222 Jackson Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Kearney said the contractor hired by the property owners needs to pass his contractor's licensing test and have given the contractor a temporary license. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for status hearing on August 16, 2018; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-578)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 4825 Elm Avenue – 2 units. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said the decision is due to the fact that the owner missed the deadline because the property was owned/controlled by a contract purchaser until after the 2018 cutoff date for payment. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-579)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director of Public Works, advising of the

placement of “Residential Parking Only” signs on the 6900 and 7000 blocks of Alabama Avenue and “Residential Parking Only” signs on the 1100 block of 150th Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-580)

Correspondence received from Purdue University Northwest Chief of Police Brian Miller requesting permission to have music at the University Village Housing Area parking lot on August 17, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. for student move in day. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-581)

Correspondence received from An Open Door Church & Ministries, 7105 Hohman Avenue, requesting twelve (12) barricades to be used during the Community Outreach weekend, July 28 and 29, 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-582)

Correspondence received from the Whiting Robertsedale Chamber of Commerce requesting temporary street closures and parking bans for the Pierogi Fest Parade, Friday, July 27, 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-583)

Correspondence received from the American Veterans Motorcycle Riders Association, Chapter 14, requesting permission to place banners, from August 6, 2018 through August 19, 2018, at Indianapolis Boulevard and 173rd Street and Kennedy Avenue and 169th Street, advertising their Rock the Vets event to be held August 18, 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to the Mayor for review; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-584)

Correspondence received from the Old Glory Tavern, 6755 Indianapolis Boulevard, requesting Martha Street from Indianapolis Boulevard to the alley be closed on July 29, 2018 from noon to 6:00 p.m. for a birthday party, Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-585)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-586)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf received three (3) requests from AT&T for permission to perform work at 6705 Ridgeland Avenue, 6606 Monroe Avenue and 6701 Kennedy Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-587)

Mr. Margraf received a request from Comcast requesting permission to install CATV cable on the corner of Indianapolis Boulevard and Michigan Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-588)

Contract for Construction Observation for the Hermit Park Road Extension with HWC Engineering. Mr. Margraf advised that there is an error in the hourly billing and requested this be deferred to next week. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-589)

Mr. Margraf also received a request to hold a birthday party, with street closure at 7350 Jackson Avenue, July 15, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf

subject to his inspection of the site; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-590)

Under Matters from Other Departments/Their Representatives, Mr. Prieto said the property manager of Douglas Pointe Apartments is here and has given a correct count of units as 284 and requested the rental registration order signed earlier in the meeting be changed to reflect this amount.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to change the number of units at Douglas Point Apartments to 284; Ms. Garay concurred.

Mr. Jonathan Parker, Engineering Department, requested lane closure on Drackert Street as A-1 Suburban Plumbing will be doing a lateral sewer repair at 1130 Drackert Street on July 17 and 18, 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred.

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; Ms. Garay concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary