

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 19, 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. Margraf to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 28, 2018; Mr. Long concurred.

Request for advertising dates of July 26, 2018 and August 2, 2018 with a bid opening date of August 16, 2018 for the 5th District Lighting Project – Phase 1 – Ridgeland Avenue from 171st Street to 169th Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Res. No. 2845)

Correspondence received from Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting \$17,325 of gaming funds be allocated for the supervision contract with HWC Engineering. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 18-591)

Construction Observation Contract with HWC Engineer for the Hermits Park Road Extension in the amount not to exceed \$17,325. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 18-592)

Construction Contract with Walsh & Kelly for the Hermit’s Park Road Extension at a cost of \$148,260. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 18-593)

Correspondence received from Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$6,384.83 of gaming funds be allocated for the 2018 Sidewalk Repair Program. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 18-594)

Recommendation for Acceptance of the Hawk Signal Project – Contract No. T- 39631. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, said this is an INDOT project with the cost split of 90/10. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 18-595)

Correspondence received from Mr. Button, City Engineer, on behalf of Councilman Mark Kalwinski, requesting approval of “No Parking” signs being placed for 70 feet along the west curb line of Calumet Avenue north of 120th Street from the Board to be sent to INDOT to implement the request. Mr. Button said Board approval of this is necessary prior to sending it to INDOT as Calumet Avenue is a State owned roadway. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 18-596)

Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with First Group Engineering, Inc. reflecting a revised Employee Classification Schedule which adds no additional cost to the original agreement. Mr. Button said this required by INDOT. Motion by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 18-

597)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the promotion to the rank of Lieutenant to Robert Vaught and Myron Allen Retske, with pay adjustment, effective July 12, 2018, the promotion of Officer Zachary Groen to the rank of 2nd Class Patrolman, effective July 18, 2018, approval of the Marian Bike Pilgrimage to be held on Saturday, September 8, 2018, approving the 25th Pierogi Fest Parade, Open Door Church & Ministries Community Outreach, a block party on the corner of 174th Street and Jackson Avenue and a birthday party with street closure at Old Glory Tavern and Disposal Authorizations. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 18-598)

Demolition status hearings on property located at 5936 Birch Avenue, 229 Doty Street, 7149 Ontario Avenue and 826 Drackert Street. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said . Information acknowledged. (Ins. No. 18-599)

Attorney Kevin Smith appears for the City on the following demolition hearings. Mr. Smith advised all parties have been notified.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1329 170th Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said the owner is listed as TTLREO, LLC of the single story frame house with a failed roof, debris in the yard, shed open to the elements, collapsed fence, boarded or broken windows, dead tree in the yard and the City is cutting the grass. Mr. Smith said Reliable Properties is the new owner, paid for an inspection and a rehab agreement drafted but not signed prior to this hearing. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 818 Bauer Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said the property has been fire damaged, boarded up, there is a hole in the roof and the siding has melted. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5603 Calumet Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said the two (2) story brick commercial property has been marked "Uninhabitable" by the City in April of 2018, rear porch and stairs are rotting and there are holes in the walls. Mr. Smith then said the owner, Mr. Marc Laterzo, for DW Rentals, LLC, had an inspection done and is not likely to have any repairs made. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 242 Doty Street. Mr. Smith advised that Attorney Marco Molina has requested this matter be continued to July 26, 2018. Mr. Smith said the single family dwelling appears to be sitting on a sink hole. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to July 26, 2018; Mr. Long concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 18 Elizabeth Street. Property owner appears. Mr. Smith said the property has been vacant since 2015, no water or power since 2015, fire damage on

the interior and boarded side and front doors. Mr. Smith presented photos of the property to which the property owner acknowledged the condition of the property. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1114 Eaton Street (house). Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said the owner has paid for an inspection on the house which is overgrown and boarded up. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6412 Euclid Avenue. Tax certificate hold, Mr. Ken Letourineau, appeared. Mr. Smith said there was a fire at the property in 2013, has a partially collapsed roof, is boarded up and has a homestead exemption on it. Mr. Letourineau said he does not know if he will take the deed to the property. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7601 Golfway Court. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said water service is disconnected, has a tarp for a roof and the doors are boarded up. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7620 Golfway Court. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said the single family residence has a boarded front door, a boat parked in the yard, rear porch failing and water has been off since 2016. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 411 Hoffman Street (2 buildings). Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said the property owner has paid for an inspection, water has been off since 2013, is an illegal three (3) unit with no power, roof is rotting, boarded up front door and a shopping cart parked in the front yard. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4835 Hohman Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said the multifamily residence has a dead tree in the yard, broken windows, dumpster overflowing, garage door is broke and brick work is failing. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6020 Hohman Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said water has been off since 2009, there is a homestead exemption on the property, windows are rotting or open, garage is deteriorated and fencing has collapsed. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 506 Locust Street (shed). Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith advised Code Enforcement has inspected and the shed has been self-demolished. Mr. Smith said the file has been closed.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1317 Michigan Street. Property owner fails to appear. Attorney Carri Crider, for the lender. Ms. Crider said a foreclosure was filed in November of 2017 and the bank may self-demolish once they have ownership of the property. Mr. Smith said the water has been off since 2016 and power has been off since 2017, the house has been boarded up since 2017, debris in the yard, failing garage. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7150 Oakdale Avenue (garage). Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said the property owner is deceased and the executor is Mr. Jeff Kochis. Mr. Smith then said a Cut and Clean case is open in City Court, there is a failed roof, eaves have collapsed and garage doors are rotting. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4938 Pine Avenue (2 parcels). Mr. Smith said there are two (2) individuals, who are represented by attorneys that claim they are the owner. Mr. Smith then said the property is a frame house with a tarp covering the roof, collapsed fence, broken windows, failing stairs and may be an occupied rental unit. Mr. Smith then advised both attorneys have contacted him and requested this matter be continued to July 28, 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6145 Ray Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said the frame house has boarded up doors and windows, porch has collapsed and siding is missing. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 2123 Sherman Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said water has been off since 2016, house is boarded up with debris in the yard and siding is missing. Mr. Smith then said he received a letter from Attorney Rick Gikas who referred to property at 2133 Sherman Street. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 19 Waltham Street. Property owner, Ms. Wendy Weng, for International Business Investment Network, LLC, appeared. Mr. Smith said water has been off since 2010, windows are boarded up, porch collapsing, fence collapsing, yard full of debris, garage has melted siding from fire damage. Ms. Weng said repairs will be made. Mr. Smith advised that she must pay for an inspection and use only licensed contractors. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred.

Demolition hearing on property located at 45 – 48 Williams Street (garage). Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said the garage has been repaired and should be removed from the demolition list.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7030 Woodlawn Avenue (garage). Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith advised that the garage has been self-demolished and should be removed

from the demolition list.

Demolition orders at (Ins. No. 18-600)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6343 Grand Avenue. Property owner, by power of attorney appointee, appears. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Code Enforcement Commissioner, said there was a hearing regarding unpaid rental registration in 2015 and the late fee was waived. Mr. Prieto then requested a late fee be assessed for the unpaid 2018 rental registration fee. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to assess the late fee of \$500 and rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2018; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 18-601)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, requesting the eastbound right hand lane of US12/20/41 Indianapolis Boulevard from the Wolf Lake Channel to Parkview Avenue be closed on Saturday, July 21, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for the Kathleen Pucalik Memorial 5K Run/Walk/Splash. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 18-602)

Click Fix request received for the placement of a stop sign on 175th Street near Arizona Avenue or Arkansas Avenue due to vehicles speeding in the area. Mr. Button requested this matter be referred to the Engineering Department. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to Engineering; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 18-603)

Correspondence received from Mr. Nicolas Homans requesting permission to hold a party, with street closure, at 46 172nd Place, on Saturday, July 28, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 18-604)

Correspondence received from Ms. Belinda Alvarez, 2707 164th Place, requesting permission to hold a block party on Saturday, August 11, 2018 from noon to 11:00 p.m., with street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 18-605)

Correspondence received from the resident of 1468 Truman Street requesting permission to hold a party at 1468 Truman Street, July 21, 2018, with street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 18-606)

Correspondence received from Hammond City Court Judge Amy Jorgensen requesting permission to dispose of the graffiti removal van and the community service van as they are not operational. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 18-607)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 18-608)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Margraf received the Lost Marsh Estates mylar for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 18-609)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Jim Scott, property owner of 2421 169th Street,

said he had to obtain a \$10,000 bond last year in order to repair the property and repairs have been completed. Mr. Scott said he received a bill from the bond company which he paid this years and then attempted to cancel the bond but the company would not cancel. Ms. Kantar said there has been no demolition order on this property requiring a bond and that Mr. Scott had been represented by Attorney Curt Vosti. Ms. Kantar suggested that Mr. Scott contact Mr. Vosti regarding the bond.

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 10:13 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Kevin Margraf, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary