BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JULY 26, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, 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 defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 5, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid recommendation received from City Engineer, Mr. Dean Button, for the restoration of the City Hall Rose Garden to Hasse Construction, low bidder at a cost of $59,900. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-610)

Quote recommendation received from Nies Engineering, Inc. for 5th District Dowling Park Improvements to Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc., low bidder at $139,778.01. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-611)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 1028 116th Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-612)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 430 Vine Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-613)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 5828 Tapper Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-614)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 3635 173rd Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-615)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 4531 Hohman Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-616)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 169th Street and Marshall Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-617)

Request for Right of Encroachment into Public Right-of-Way – 6832 Calumet Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to the Planning Department; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-618)

Mylar – Lost Marsh Estates – submitted for signature to correct an error in the mylar submitted last week. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-619)

Demolition hearing – 242 Doty Street. Attorney Marco Molina appears for the property owner. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said this is the house that was falling into a sink hole and was repaired but with no permits. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Code Enforcement Commissioner, said he will ask Mr. Bob Vale, Building Commissioner, to have an inspection done within thirty (30) days. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for status on August 16, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-620)

Demolition hearing - 4938 Pine Avenue. Ms. Kantar said she has talked with the attorneys representing the parties, who both thought they owned the parcel the house sat on. Ms. Kantar said one (1) owns the parcel the house sits on and the other the vacant lot. Ms. Kantar then said the attorneys will be meeting to discuss ownership of the property. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-621)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6822 Delaware Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Prieto said this is a one (1) unit and 2018 is the only year due. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-622)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1844 Michigan Street, 5509 Alice Avenue, 5612 Claude Avenue, 5614 Claude Avenue, 5654 Claude Avenue, 635 Carroll Street and 847 Wilcox Street. Property manager appears. Mr. Prieto said 1844 Michigan Street, 5612 Claude Avenue, 5614 Claude Avenue and 635 Carroll Street are all one (1) unit properties, owing for 2018 and have no issues. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. Mr. Prieto then said 5509 Alice Avenue and 5654 Claude Avenue are two (2) unit properties, owing for 2018 and have no issues. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. Mr. Prieto said 847 Wilcox Street owes for 2018 and will need an inspection as there are no notations about this property since 2013. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-623)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set these matters for hearing on August 23, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-624)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 1329 170th Street. Ms. Kantar said there is a new owner who will make repairs. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-625)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 6435 Woodward Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-626)

Correspondence received from the First Baptist Church of Hammond requesting Oakley Avenue from Willow Court to State Street and State Street from Oakley Avenue to the railroad track be closed Monday, July 30, 2018 through Wednesday, August 1, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for Vacation Bible School. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-627)

Correspondence received from Ms. Elisabeth Bes, 1502 Parkview Avenue, requesting permission to hold a graduation party, with street closure on Saturday, July 28, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to midnight. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-628)

Correspondence received from Ms. Joanna Halinski requesting speed bumps on the streets east of State Line Avenue and through-way poles in the alleys of the blocks east of State Line Avenue to prevent speeding cars crossing state lines. Ms. Kantar advised speed bumps may only be placed on private property legally. Mr. Long said he will go look at the area and speak to the Traffic Captain about the request. Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to the Police Department; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-629)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-630)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Margraf received correspondence from Councilman Scott Rakos requesting $43,262.04 in gaming funds be allocated for a contract change order in the Illinois and Idaho Lighting Improvement Project. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-631)

Correspondence received from Councilman Pete Torres requesting $14,649.75 of gaming funds be allocated for emergency street repairs at 520 Michigan Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-632)

Correspondence received from Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting $315,000 of gaming funds be allocated for the 2018 Street Overlay Program. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-633)

Correspondence received from Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting $4,950 of gaming funds be allocated for testing done by ATC Group Services, LLC and $5,900 be allocated for a French drain to correct a drainage issue at 830 Bauer Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-634)

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:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary