

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 16, 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 19, 2018 and July 26, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – 5th District Street Lighting Project – Phase I – Ridgeland Avenue from 171st Street to 169th Street. Bids received as follows:

Hawk Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 98,956.96
Midwestern Electric, Inc.	\$127,257.50

Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2845)

Request for advertising dates of August 30, 2018 and September 6, 2018 with a bid opening date of September 20, 2018 for the demolition of 1329 170th Street, 818 Bauer Street, 5603 Calumet Avenue, 6241 Calumet Avenue, 242 Doty Street, 18 Elizabeth Street, 1114 Eaton Street (house), 6412 Euclid Avenue, 7601 Golfway Court, 7620 Golfway Court, 411 Hoffman Street (2 buildings), 4735 Hohman Avenue, 6020 Hohman Avenue, 7550 Linden Avenue, 506 Locust Street (shed), 1317 Michigan Street, 7150 Oakdale Avenue (garage), 4938 Pine Avenue (2 parcels), 6145 Ray Avenue, 2123 Sherman Street, 19 Waltham Street. 46 – 48 Williams Street (garage) and 7030 Woodlawn Avenue (garage). Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4070)

Bid recommendation received from Nies Engineering, Inc. for the Kenwood Street Reconstruction Project- Kenney Avenue to Alley to low bidder Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc. at a cost of \$196,848.89. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-672)

Correspondence received from Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting \$81,500 of gaming funds be allocated to the Maiden Lane, Roosevelt Drive, Hamann Court and Torrence Avenue Lighting Improvement design contract with United Consulting. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-673)

Agreement with United Consulting for engineering services in the 1st District Lighting Improvement design of Maiden Lane, Roosevelt Drive, Hamann Court and Torrence Avenue in the amount of \$81,500. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-674)

Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with First Group Engineering, Inc. for the Pedestrian Refuge

Island on 173rd Street between Woodmar Avenue and Ontario Avenue, Des. No. 1601163. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-675)

Correspondence received from Hammond Police Chief John Doughty requesting that Officer Jose Velez be promoted to the rank of 2nd Class Patrolman, effective August 11, 2018, Correctional Officers Xavier Reillo, Katherine McCarthy and Tyler Crussen receive promotional raises effective August 10, 2018, approval for the 4800 block of Beech Avenue to hold a block party, police presence at the Dan Rabin Plaza for New Salem M.B. Church on August 25, 2018 and street closure of the 1900 block of Atchison Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-676)

Correspondence received from 4th District Councilman Bill Emerson requesting \$60,000 of gaming funds be allocated for 4th District park improvements. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-677)

Correspondence received from 5th District Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$50,000 of gaming funds be allocated for 5th District park improvements. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-678)

Correspondence received from Hammond Common Council President Janet Venecz, for Councilman Anthony Higgs, requesting the sewer on the corner of Eaton Street and Rhode Avenue be repaired to allow rain to drain into the sewer, as it is going into the front yard of a resident's home. Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to the Engineering Department and Sewer Department; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-679)

Correspondence received from Westland & Bennett, PC confirming the firm has been retained to handle condemnation cases in the Chicago Street project. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-680)

Correspondence received from Mobilitie, LLC requesting permission to install three (3) poles with small cell equipment at 165th Street and Howard Avenue, Parrish Avenue and 169th Street and 139th Street and Hohman Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-681)

Demolition hearing on property located at 242 Doty Street. Property owner appears by Attorney Marco Molina. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, appears for the City. Mr. Molina said his client has repaired the sink hole at the property. Ms. Kantar said that no permits were issued for the work and that a structural engineer will have to give approval of the repair. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for status on September 20, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-682)

Demolition hearing on property located at 4938 Pine Avenue. Property owner's attorney, Mr. Dough Kvachkoff, fails to appear. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be continued to September 20, 2018. Motion by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to September 20, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-683)

Hearing on property located at 7222 Jackson Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, the electrical inspection was passed, the roof needs repair but no other permits have been applied for. Mr. Kearney requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to September 20, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-684)

Correspondence received from Indiana Harbor Belt R.R. requesting street closure of Sohl Avenue for rail repair. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-685)

Correspondence received from Walsh & Kelly, Inc. requesting the southbound curb side of Columbia Avenue from Gostlin Street to the railroad tracks to complete casting adjustments beginning Saturday, August 18, 2018 through Saturday, August 25, 2018. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-686)

Correspondence received from Gough, Inc. requesting Orchard Drive between Arizona Avenue and California Avenue for work on a Hammond Park Department project. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-687)

Correspondence received from Mr. Nick Gilbert, 838 Morris Street, requesting permission to place a dumpster in the street in front of the house as there is no driveway at the residence. Motion by Mr. Margraf to have Mr. Gilbert provide a timeline for the dumpster to be in front of the residence and to continue this matter to August 23, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-688)

Correspondence received from the First Baptist Church of Hammond requesting Oakley Avenue between State Street and Willow Court be closed Monday, August 20, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a training session. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-689)

Correspondence received from the Challenger Learning Center requesting permission to hold their Space Race 5K held on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at 6:45 p.m., with route. Motion by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 18-690)

Correspondence received from Mr. Scott Tabernacki, Principal, St. John the Baptist School, requesting Lincoln Avenue, between 119th Street and Benedict Avenue, be closed Sunday, August 19, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a Back 2 School Picnic. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-691)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for hearing on September 20, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-692)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-693)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Margraf received a request for hearing on the denial of a Hammond Business License for Christina Petrites. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for hearing on August 30, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-694)

Mr. Margraf also received a request from Comcast to install underground cable to 6518 Columbia Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-695)

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 9:27 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Kevin Margraf, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary