

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF AUGUST 30, 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 - 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 defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 19, 2018 and July 26, 2018; Mr. Long concurred.

Request for bid dates of September 6, 2018 and September 13, 2018 with a bid opening date of September 27, 2018 for the 4th District Lighting 2018 Project – Van Buren Avenue – Locust Street to Vine Street, Madison Avenue – 169th Street to 165th Street, Woodland Avenue - 176th Street to 174th Place, Maplewood Avenue – 175th Place to 174th Place, 175th Place – Woodland Avenue to Tapper Avenue, 175th Street – Calumet Avenue to Tapper Avenue, 174th Place – Calumet Avenue to Tapper Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Res. No. 2838)

Bid recommendation received from HWC Engineering for the 5th District Lighting Project – Phase 1 to Hawk Enterprises, Inc., low bidder, at \$98,956.96. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-724)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at Indianapolis Boulevard and Cabela Drive and in the right of way of Gostlin Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-725)

Notification of work done at Hessville Park at Orchard Drive by Gough, Inc. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 18-726)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Police Department approving a block party on the 1000 block of Highland/Tapper Avenue, the use of the former JC Penney parking lot, a “Deaf Child at Play” sign on the 6900 block of Ridgeland Avenue and Disposal Authorizations. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-727)

Hearing on the Denial of a Business License – Christina Petrites. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said Ms. Petrites and her attorney, Mr. Paul Poracky, were here prior to the start of the meeting. Ms. Kantar then said Mr. Poracky said disposition of charges pending against Ms. Petrites should be resolved by September 13, 2018 and requested this matter be continued. Recommendation by Mr. Long to continue this matter to September 13, 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-728)

Status hearing on property located at 227 Chicago Street. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said the service line has been cut at the main and needs to be back filled. Mr. Kearney

then requested this matter be continued. Recommendation by Mr. Long to continue this matter to September 13, 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-729)

Contract for Demolition Services with RSR Demolition, LLC in the amount of \$65,787 for various demolitions. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-730)

Correspondence received from Mr. Jason Maloney requesting the rental registration hearing set for September 20, 2018 be changed to September 6, 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Long to reset this matter to September 6, 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-731)

Correspondence received from Mr. Amer Sweis requesting a hearing on the denial of a Business License. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set this matter for hearing on September 6, 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-732)

Correspondence received from Mr. Allan Upshaw requesting a hearing on the denial of a Business License. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set this matter for hearing on September 6, 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-733)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, advising a “Caution – Deaf Child in Area” sign will be placed at 6931 Ridgeland Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-734)

Correspondence received from Click Fix requesting a stop sign be placed at the corner of 171st Street and Schneider Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer this matter to the Engineering Department; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-735)

Correspondence received from Click Fix requesting a traffic light at Wicker Avenue and 173rd Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer this matter to the Engineering Department; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-736)

Correspondence received from Ms. Donna Muta, Special Events Coordinator, requesting permission to hold the 2018 Veterans Appreciation Day Parade, Saturday, November 10, 2018, with route. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 17-737)

Correspondence received from Mr. Danny Laboy Valdez requesting permission to film an independent film project in the City. Mr. Laboy Valdez fails to appear. Ms. Kantar said the parking lot is not City owned and that Mr. Laboy would need permission from the railroad as Amtrak owns the parking lot and their right of way. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer this matter to Mr. John Vezmar, IT Department; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-738)

Correspondence received from Ms. Adriana Sandoval requesting permission to hold a block party on Monday, September 3, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with street closure on the 4700 block Towle Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve subject to approval from the Police Department; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-739)

Correspondence received from Ms. Alma Williams requesting permission to hold an annual Back to School Picnic, September 8, 2018 from noon to 7:00 p.m. on the 1100 block of Moss Street, with street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve subject to approval from the Police Department; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-740)

Correspondence received from Mr. Rich Martinez, 823 Truman Street, requesting permission to hold a block party on the 800 block of Truman Street, Sunday, September 2, 2018, with street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve subject to approval from the Police Department; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-741)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-742)

Under Old Business, a request to hold a Stop and Prayer at the corner of Lyman Avenue and 173rd Street. Representative of Fellowship of Love Christian Center fails to appear. Recommendation by Mr. Long to continue this matter to September 6, 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-743)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Peter Stoffik addressed the Board. Mr. Stoffik said a truck hit the guard rail in back of his house and the trucking company at fault said they would pay for repair but they need an estimate of cost. Mr. Stoffik said he has been unable to find a company willing to give an estimate. Mr. Kearney gave Mr. Stoffik his card and said that he will confirm the guard rail is City owner, and if so, help obtain an estimate.

Pastor Derek White, Fellowship of Love Christian Center, appears and said the Stop and Prayer request will not have any impact on traffic, there will only be two (2) people at a time at the corner, and will not coerce people in any way. Pastor White then requested this be allowed from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Recommendation by Mr. Long to cancel the request for the Church to appear before the Board on September 6, 2018 and to approve the request; Mr. Margraf concurred.

Mr. Gary Dreischerf, a resident of the 6700 block of Alexander Avenue, addressed the Board and said the condition of his street is terrible, that he has called Councilman Woerpel about it but has never received a return call and he would like to know when the block will be reconstructed. Mr. Long said he will speak with him after the meeting.

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 9:29 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Kevin Margraf, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary