

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 6, 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 approve the minutes of the meeting of August 2, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Request for advertising dates of September 13, 2018 and September 20, 2018 with a bid opening date of October 4, 2018 for the 1st District Local Street Project – 141st Street Lighting Improvements – Grover Avenue to Calumet Avenue and Stanton Avenue from 115th Street to Railroad Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2855)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, advising the intersection of 175th Street and Arizona Avenue does not warrant a stop sign after a warrant study was completed. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 18-744)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the reassignment of Officer Kerry Newman from the Uniform Division to the Community Affairs Division, approval of a block party September 8, 2018 on the 1100 block of Moss Street, a block party on the 800 block of Truman Street, a block party on the 4700 block of Towle Avenue and for the Fellowship of Love Christian Center to hold a “Stop for Prayer” on the corner of 173rd Street and Lyman Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-745)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting approval of the promotion of Captain James Litera to the rank of Senior Captain effective September 10, 2018. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-746)

Hearing on the denial of a Business License – Amer Alsweis. Mr. Alsweis appears with documentation that the charges against him were dismissed in November of 2010. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, requested the denial be rescinded. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-747)

Hearing on the denial of a Business License – Allan Upshaw. Mr. Upshaw appears with a copy of an Order for conviction of a Class A misdemeanor which placed him on probation for one (1) year. Mr. Upshaw then said his last day of probation was September 1st of this year and he would like to open a barber shop. Ms. Kantar reviewed the order and requested the denial be rescinded. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-748)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 44 – 46 Ruth Street. Property owner appears by her mother. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said rental

registration has not been paid since 2013 on this three (3) unit house. Mr. Prieto also said this property needs an inspection. Ms. Garay asked why rental registration was not paid for. The property owner's mother said that her daughter lived in one (1) unit until 2012, the other two (2) were rented and her daughter did not know she was to pay a fee for rental registration. Ms. Garay said due to the amount that would be due if late rental registration was charged from 2012, this matter will be sent to Smith Sersic for further action regarding payment. Motion by Mr. Margraf to send this matter to Smith Sersic for rental registration collection; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-749)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4435 Henry Avenue. Property owner appears and said he has no excuse and that he just forgot. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said only 2018 is due. 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. 18-750)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6608 Illinois Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Jason Maloney, appears, motions that he is deaf and gave the Board a letter. Mr. Margraf read the letter. Mr. Margraf asked Mr. Prieto how long the property has been a rental. Mr. Prieto wrote the question on paper for Mr. Maloney. Mr. Maloney answered that it has been a rental since 2015 and that he did not know there was a fee for rental registration. Motion by Mr. Margraf to assess one (1) \$500 late fee for 2018 and rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-751)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4316 Baltimore Avenue. Property manager appears and said she sent a \$20 payment for four (4) houses and did not pay for the fifth due to it being vacant. Mr. Prieto then said the fifth property was rented in May of this year and at that time the property manager did come in to pay the fee for the last property but it was after the April 15th deadline. 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. 18-752)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 442 Lewis Street. Property owner appears. Mr. Prieto said rental registration has been paid and requested no further action be taken on this matter. (Ins. No. 18-753)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 720 Sibley Street. Property owner, Mr. Luis Sans, appears. Mr. Rich Castro, Inspector, Inspections Department, said there is an illegal attic apartment, no permits were obtained for any work, there is no fire separation and was built as a single family home. Mr. Prieto translated to Mr. Sans that he was told during the inspection it must be converted back to a single family home to which Mr. Sans replied that he is currently unemployed and there are renters on each floor. Ms. Garay told Mr. Sans that only one (1) floor can remain until the property is brought to code. Mr. Castro requested the Board affirm the Findings for 720 Sibley Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-754)

Correspondence received from the Downtown Hammond Council requesting barricades, sand

bags and an Event Parking sign for the 4th Annual Arts on the Ave Saturday, September 15, 2018. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-755)

Correspondence received from 2nd District Councilman Pete Torres requesting a double east/west stop sign and striping with crossing lines at the intersection of Kent Avenue and Indiana Street by Columbia School. Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to the Engineering Department; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-756)

Correspondence received from Ms. Carole Fetzko requesting a date change in an alley closure request, previously approved to be held September 8, 2018, to Saturday, October 6, 2018. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-757)

Approval received from the Mayor for H.U.G.S. to post signs in the City for their 2nd Annual H.U.G.S. Mexican Independence Parade. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-758)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for September 27, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-759)

Correspondence received from Ms. Donna Muta, Special Events Coordinator, requesting permission to hold the 2018 Hammond Holiday Parade, Saturday, December 1, 2018, with line up beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Gavit High School, with route. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-760)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-761)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Margraf received correspondence from Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc. requesting full road closure of Summer Street at the intersection of 165th Street and Summer Street beginning Monday, September 10, 2018 and continuing for up to five (5) business days to remove and replace concrete curb and gutter and mill and pave portions of Summer Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-762)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 169th Street and Kennedy Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf to approve subject to the Sewer Department inspecting the structure; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-763)

Mr. Margraf also received an Agreement Between the City of Chicago Heights, Illinois and the Civil City of Hammond, Indiana to create an additional water supply to Chicago Heights and to amend the 2013 purchase agreement. Motion by Mr. Margraf subject to receipt of the Mayor's signature; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-764)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Gary Dreischer, of the 6700 block of Alexander

Avenue, appeared. Mr. Dreischer said that he was at this meeting last week and Councilman Woerpel will not return his calls. Mr. Jonathan Parker, Engineering Department, said reconstruction of Alexander Avenue will not occur this year, as there is a lot of sewer work under that block which will increase the cost of the project and funding is limited this year.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary