

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 29, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, November 29, 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 the minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Request for advertising dates of December 6, 2018 and December 13, 2018 with a bid opening date of December 27, 2018 for the demolition of 7544 Linden Avenue and 7507 Columbia Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4073)

Contract with Hawk Enterprises, Inc. for 141st Street – Grover Avenue to Calumet Avenue and Stanton Avenue (115th Street to Railroad Street) Lighting Improvements. Motion by Mr. Margraf to approve subject to receipt of funding and bond from Hawk Enterprises, Inc.; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-945)

Correspondence received from Talman Consultants requesting permission to install fiber optic conduit, by open cut trench and directional boring, starting west of the west lane of Calumet Avenue and ending at the alley east of Calumet Avenue on Carroll Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-946)

Correspondence received from Mayor Thomas McDermott, Jr. authorizing \$50,000 of gaming funds be allocated for the relocation of the sewer main at the southwest corner of 173rd Street and Southeastern Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-947)

Correspondence received from Hasse Construction Company, Inc. providing a quote of \$75,705.00 for the installation of a new storm sewer at 173rd Street and Southeastern Avenue. Ms. Garay advised Mayor’s gaming funds will be used for payment. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-948)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting \$24,544.00 of gaming funds be allocated for a supplemental agreement with Nies Engineering for work to be done at the Erie Avenue Reconstruction project. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-949)

Correspondence received from 6th District Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$10,004.62 of gaming funds be allocated for Change Order #1 for the Kenwood Reconstruction project. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-950)

Change Order No. 1 submitted by Nies Engineering, Inc. for the Kenwood Avenue

Reconstruction project with an increase in cost of \$10,004.62 for quantity adjustments. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-951)

Construction Observation Services for the Sanitary Sewer Relocation at 173rd Street and Southeastern Avenue submitted by Nies Engineering, Inc. at a cost of \$8,056.00. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-952)

Correspondence received from 2nd District Councilman Pete Torres requesting \$9,543.00 of gaming funds be allocated for Change Order #1 with Hawk Enterprises, Inc. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-953)

Change Order No. 1 submitted by VS Engineering, Inc. with an increase in cost of \$9,543.00 for a change from sodding to seed and blanket. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-954)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting \$8,044.00 of gaming funds be allocated for various engineering services with Nies Engineering, Inc. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-955)

Supplemental Agreement No. 6 with Nies Engineering, Inc. for additional engineering services as needed at a cost of \$8,044.00. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-956)

Proposal to Provide Surveying and Engineering Services received from Nies Engineering, Inc. for the Sidewalk Project along the north side of 167th Street from Indianapolis Boulevard to Woodmar Avenue at a cost of \$8,044.00. No action taken. (Ins. No. 18-957)

Engineering Agreement – District 1 Roadway Reconstruction – 139th Street from Sheffield Avenue to Hohman Avenue - project with United Consulting at a cost of \$50,200.00 for design engineering. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-958)

LPA Consulting Contract, Des. No. 1601163, with First Group Engineering, Inc. for Right-of-Way Management – Pedestrian Refuge Island on 173rd Street between Woodmar Avenue and Ontario Avenue. Mr. Mark Gordish, Engineering Department, said the City's share, 20%, will be \$3,610 and federal money will pay the remaining 80%. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-959)

Correspondence received from Geeding Construction, Inc. advising of street closures during the Maintenance Repair of Buckeye Partners' pipeline at Hoffman Street and White Oak Avenue. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 18-960)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the appointment of Christopher Wadkins as a probationary member of the Hammond Police Department, effective November 15, 2018, Office Thomas Dillner to receive Evidence Training

Specialty Pay, effective November 9, 2018, Jesse Escamilla to receive a promotional raise for completing all required training and a one (1) year probationary period for Correctional Officers and Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-961)

Status hearing on property located at 242 Doty Street. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said that she spoke with Attorney Marco Molina, who represents the property owner, and he requested additional time. Ms. Kantar requested February 7, 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to February 7, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-962)

Blight Elimination Program – Round One and Two – 5603 Calumet Avenue and 1114 Eaton Street. Attorney Nicole Bennett appeared, advised both 5603 Calumet Avenue and 1114 Eaton Street have been demolished and asked the audience if anyone wished to speak during this public hearing. There being no response, the public hearing was closed. (Ins. No. 18-963)

Attorney Kevin Smith appears for the City of Hammond and advised that all parties have been notified.

Demolition hearing on property located at 2650 162nd Place (garage). Property owner appears, is shown photos and advised that she does not have the funds to demolish the raccoon infested garage. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Margraf to enter the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 2727 163rd Place (garage). Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said he received a phone call from Danley Garages who advised the property owner is having them replace the garage as it has already been demolished. Mr. Smith advised this file is now closed.

Demolition hearing on property located at 838 Becker Street (front). Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said the property has been boarded up and marked uninhabitable. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing located at 6231 Blaine Avenue (front). Property owner appears, said he inherited the property from his mother and is attempting to sell it. Mr. Smith said water has been off since 1996 and neighbors are complaining about the boarded up property. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing located at 6733 Calumet Avenue. Property owner appears, was shown photos but cannot afford repairs. Mr. Smith said the property has been vacant since 1994, power off since 2011, rotting door, rotting steps, soffit and fascia are failing and the roof may be leaking. Property owner does not object to demolition. Motion by Mr. Margraf to enter the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 821 Eaton Street (garage). Mr. Smith said the property has been self-demolished and the file closed.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1032 Eaton Street (front and rear). Mr. Jorge and Ernesto Palma, buyers, appear as they have a contract to purchase. Mr. Smith said the property has a possible roof collapse, has been vacant since 2015 and water off since 2016. Mr. Palma said he would like to have an inspection done and enter a rehab agreement. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish but hold permits until after the inspection takes place. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6126 Harrison Avenue (front only). Mr. Smith received a fax from new owners. Mr. Smith said photographs show an overgrown frame house with boarded up back window, is an illegal two (2) unit and the water has been off since 2016. Mr. Smith then requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4143 Hohman Avenue (garage). Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith advised that the structure had a fire in March of 2018, is now demolished and the file will be closed.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5213 Hohman Avenue (front). Mr. Steve Meeker, for the property owner, appears, said there is water in the basement and the roof is leaking. Mr. Smith said the property is full of mold and the mold is infiltrating an adjoining property. Mr. Smith then request the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6938 Jackson Avenue (garage). Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said citations have been given on the property since 2017, garage is leaning, boarded up and could collapse and that Attorney Schmigdall has called regarding the property. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1933 Roosevelt Drive (a/k/a 1933 Caroline Street a/k/a 605 Roosevelt Street). Property owner fails to appear. Attorney Kavachkoff phoned and requested this matter be continued to December 20, 2018. Motion by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to December 20, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 261 – 63 Webb Street (front and rear). Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith indicated fire has destroyed one (1) building that had previously been tagged as uninhabitable, there is a small shed in the back and debris scattered. Mr. Smith requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

All demolitions at (Ins. No. 18-964)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6815 Forestdale Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said there is a new owner as of August of 2018 and requested no late fee be imposed. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-965)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4835 Calumet Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Nildy Garza, appears. Mr. Prieto requested this matter be continued to January 17, 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to January 17, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-966)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf received an agreement regarding the sale of water from the Water Department to the Civil City. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be continued to December 6, 2018 to allow time for review. Motion by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to December 6, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Mr. Margraf also received Specific Finding of Fact and Decision regarding property located at 6602 Kennedy Avenue. Ms. Kantar requested the late fee be waived as there is a new owner. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-967)

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 9:50 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary