

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

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, December 6, 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. Long to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred.

Correspondence received from 1st District Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting \$50,200 of gaming funds be allocated for a design contract with United Consulting – 139th Street from Hohman Avenue to Sheffield Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-968)

Assured Maintenance Agreement with Perfection Group, Inc. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-969)

Emergency Demolition hearing on property located at 5231 Hohman Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said people are getting into the building, opening windows which has caused some of the glass to fall out of the frames and break on the sidewalk below. Mr. Kearney then advised that the property owner was reached by phone and called the company that has a satellite dish on the roof. Mr. Kearney then said the basement of the building has flooded twice and is vacant. Recommendation by Mr. Long to seal and vacate the building, have work done by the City and to demolish the building; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-970)

Status hearing on property located at 227 Chicago Street. Attorney Scott Yahne appears for the property owner. Mr. Yahne said the property can be inspected at any time, cares are out of the yard, Mr. Gary Stevenson, an engineer, is assisting in the cleanup, the water leak has been repaired, impacted soil has been removed and he is aware a soil profile need to be done. Mr. Kearney said he will talk with Mr. Ron Novak, Director, Environmental Management to determine where the entire cleanup process is. Mr. Kearney then requested this matter be set for status. Recommendation by Mr. Long to continue this matter to January 17, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-971)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1637 Calumet Avenue. Property owner appears and said he did not realize rental registration had to be paid yearly. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, said the property owner did have a rental registration hearing last year and was fined \$500 for the unpaid fee from 2012 – 2017. Mr. Farrell then said the hearing today is for 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee, impose \$5 per unit for 2018 and told the property owner that if it is late again, the Board will not be lenient; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-972)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 1009 Carroll Street.
Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-973)

Contract for Demolition Services with JM Industrial Services, Inc. for property located at
5911 – 15 Calumet Avenue and 5923 Calumet Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$120,800.
Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-974)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf received a personnel matter from the
Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No.
18-975)

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 9:20 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Kevin Margraf, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary