

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2019, 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 January 10, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Request for advertising dates of January 24, 2019 and January 31, 2019 with a bid opening date of February 14, 2019 for the 3rd District Local Street Project – 164th Place and Alexander Avenue, McCook Avenue to Kennedy Avenue and 165th Street to alley north of 164th Place. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2857)

Agreement with First Group Engineering, Inc. for construction supervision in the Multi-Use Trail from Hoffman Street to Baltimore Avenue at a cost of \$67,383.84. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, said this is the first phase of the project and will be paid by TIF funds and the City Council members. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-019)

Application for Permit received from Wide Open West requesting permission to install fiber optic cable on Sibley Street and Douglas Street to Fayette Street and Sohl Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-020)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the promotion of Jason Quick, Joseph Munoz, John Riordan and Stuart Hinson, to the rank of Sergeant, effective January 16, 2019, with pay adjustment and the retirement of Sergeant Daniel Small, Sergeant John Muta and Sergeant Richard Tumidalsky. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-021)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting approval of the retirement of Captain Dennis Betustak effective January 13, 2019, the promotion of Engineer Eric Sanders to the rank of Captain and Private Brian Kartz to the rank of Engineer both effective January 14, 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-022)

Plat of Subdivision - Hammond High School Addition – submitted for signature. Ms. Garay requested Mr. Brian Poland, City Planner, appear before the Board to answer questions regarding the Board signing the plat. Motion by Mr. Margraf to defer this matter to January 24, 2019 and request Mr. Poland to appear; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-023)

Hearing – 1933 Roosevelt Drive. Attorney Douglas Kvachkoff, for the property owner, fails to appear. Ms. Kristina Kantar, Corporation Counsel, requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to January 24, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-024)

Status hearing – 227 Chicago Street. Attorney Scott Yahne appears for the property owner and submitted a written summary regarding Visually Impacted Surface Soil Removal at the property. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said cars have been moved and other items will be moved as work continues. Mr. Kearney said the dirt floor remains and both he and Mr. Ron Novak, Director, Environmental Management, will inspect. Mr. Kearney said there has been good progress on the property and requested this matter be set for status on April 11, 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for status on April 11, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-025)

Status hearing on property located at 7222 Jackson Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Kearney said the roof has been completed, the electric work has passed inspection but work is progressing slowly. Mr. Kearney then requested this matter be set for status. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for status on February 21, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-026)

Status hearing – 40 Waltham Street. Ms. Kantar advised the demolition order was affirmed a year ago, property owner had signed an Agreement to Rehabilitate but work was not completed. Ms. Kantar said she has sent a letter advising the property will be demolished and Mr. Kearney has attempted to contact the property owner without success. Information acknowledged. (Ins. No. 19-027)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 1573 Beverly Street. Ms. Kantar said the property had been ordered demolished but there is a new owner who would like to make repairs. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-028)

Contract for Demolition Services with JM Industrial Services, Inc. at a cost of \$17,100.00 for the demolition of 7544 Linden Avenue and 7507 Columbia Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-029)

Amusement Device Listing for the week of January 14, 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-030)

Correspondence received from Mr. Elijah Martinez requesting stop signs and School Zone signs on Huehn Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to Public Works and the Engineering Department; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-031)

Request from Mr. Rich Castro, Inspector, Inspections Department, for the Board to re-sign the Findings on 10 Rimbach Street to include the property's legal description. Mr. Kearney said the Recorder's Office would not accept the Findings without a legal description on it. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-032)

Correspondence received from Geeding Construction, Inc. submitting an updated schedule of previously approved work to be done at White Oak Avenue and 149th Street for Buckeye Pipeline as crews are ahead of schedule. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL.

Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-033)

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 9:17 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary