

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2019**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2019, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Ms. Gary – 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 approve the minutes of the meeting of February 7, 2019; Mr. Long concurred.

Bid opening – 3rd District Local Street Project – 164th Place and Alexander Avenue, McCook Avenue to Kennedy Avenue and 165th Street to Alley North of 164th Place. Bids received as follows:

Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,306,769.46
Dyer Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,268,041.79
Walsh & Kelly, Inc.	\$1,238,275.61
Grimmer Construction, Inc.	\$1,259,368.46

Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Res. No. 2857)

Quote recommendation to J&J Newell Concrete, low bidder, for the 2nd District Street Drainage Improvement Project received from Nies Engineering, Inc. at a cost of \$34,992.50. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-069)

Correspondence received from 2nd District Councilman Pete Torres requesting \$34,992.50 of gaming funds be allocated to make improvements on Indiana Street under the Columbia Avenue overpass. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-070)

Quote recommendation to B&D Sewer, low bidder, for the 1st District Warwick Avenue Drainage Improvement Project received from Nies Engineering, Inc. at a cost of \$26,748.50. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-071)

Correspondence received from 1st District Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting \$26,748.50 of gaming funds be allocated for sewer drainage improvements on the 1600 block of Warwick Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-072)

Correspondence received from Gough, Inc. requesting closure of Highland Street, for approximately three (3) days and Eaton Street between Calumet Avenue and Sohl Avenue, for approximately two (2) weeks, for a sewer tie in during construction of the new Hammond High

School. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-073)

Updated Hammond Police Department Lockout Waiver and Release, General Order 19-01, received from the Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-074)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting approval to continue using Comcast for internet connections for all fire stations at a total cost of \$8,809.26 for 2019 and paid from the Fire Department's Service/Communication Fund. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-075)

Hearing on property located at 1933 Roosevelt Drive. Property owner, Mr. Youngheim, appears and said he has signed an Agreement to Rehabilitate. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said this property has been involved in a fire destroying one (1) building to the foundation and has been reset since November of 2018 with no work being done since that time. Mr. Youngheim said he will pull the foundation out as soon as he is allowed to pull permits. Ms. Kantar said there have been a cacophony of complaints from neighbors regarding this property. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, requested an Order to Demolish be entered to ensure that if work in an Agreement to Rehabilitate is not done, the property can be demolished. Mr. Youngheim said that he has rehabbed six (6) other properties in the City. Ms. Kantar then directed Mr. Youngheim to go to the Lake County Government Complex and have the other addresses this property known as, 605 Roosevelt, 605 ½ Roosevelt, placed under one (1) address. Mr. Youngheim said he is having the property re-plat. Ms. Kantar then requested the Board enter an Order to Demolish and approve the Agreement to Rehabilitate. Recommendation by Mr. Long to enter an Order to Demolish and approve the Agreement to Rehabilitate; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-076)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 7332 Oakdale Avenue. Ms. Kantar said she has spoken with Attorney Jonathan Petersen, who fails to appear, and requested this matter be continued to February 21, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long to continue this matter to February 21, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-077)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4835 Calumet Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Rich Castro, Inspector, Code Enforcement, appears. Mr. Castro said he inspected the property last week and found it to be a two (2) unit. Mr. Castro then said the owner will convert it back to a single family home. Mr. Castro then requested rental registration from 2014 through 2018 be assessed with no late fee. Recommendation by Mr. Long to assess 2014 rental registration for two (2) units at \$80 per unit, 2015 through 2018 at \$5 per unit for each year; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-078)

Bid re-award letters received from Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, for property located at 4735 Hohman Avenue, 6518 Parrish Avenue to Actin Contracting, responsible and reliable bidder with a bid of \$12,700.00, 6910 – 12 Calumet Avenue, 18 Elizabeth Street, 7222 Jackson Avenue, 7526 Linden Avenue, 7532 Linden Avenue, 7546 Linden Avenue, 6927 McCook Avenue (garage only), 7449 Parrish Avenue, 1258 Sherman Street and 972 Wilcox Street to JM Industrial Services, responsible and reliable bidder with a bid of \$106,450.00. Recommendation by Mr. Long;

Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-079)

License Agreement Renewal for Porter's Apparel, Inc., 4510, 4524, 4532 and 4536 Hohman Avenue, and its representative August Mack Environmental for groundwater testing. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-080)

License Agreement Renewal for Remediation Management Services Company, Roosevelt Street and White Oak Avenue, and its representative Antea Group for groundwater testing. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-081)

Amusement Device Listing for the week of February 11, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-082)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting the removal of two (2) dead trees and debris in the parkway of 910 Ames Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer this matter to the Park Department; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-083)

Correspondence received from Mr. Jeffery L. Colby, President, Hammond AlumCats, requesting the 5800 block of Madison Avenue be closed Sunday, July 7, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for an All City All Class Reunion Tailgate style BBQ, with a DJ. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve and send to the Hammond Police Department, Public Works and Environmental Management; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-084)

Receipt of Notice to Owners of Affected Property located at 7900 – 50 Cabela Drive and 6110 Calumet Avenue. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 19-085)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set this matter for hearing on March 14, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-086)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf received correspondence from the Hammond Police Department regarding a disciplinary matter. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-087)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Long to adjourn; Mr. Margraf concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin Margraf, Vice President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn Laviolette, Secretary