

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2019, 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 defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 28, 2019 and March 7, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred.

Bid opening – 2019 Hammond and Whiting Road Maintenance Program. Bids received as follows:

Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$485,038.58
Site Services	\$398,118.02

Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Res. No. 4077)

Contract with Midwestern Electric, Inc. for the Alabama Avenue between Downey Place south to dead end, Rhode Island Avenue between 165th Street south to dead end Lighting Improvements Project. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-203)

Correspondence received from Gough, Inc. requesting permission to close Highland Street between Calumet Avenue and Sohl Avenue beginning April 16, 2019 through April 22, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve subject to the surface asphalt being completed on Eaton Street prior to Highland Street being closed; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-204)

Correspondence received from Konrad Construction requesting permission to close Kenwood Street between Columbia Avenue and Willard Road from April 10, 2019 to April 19, 2019 to reroute a water line. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-205)

Correspondence received from Mayor Thomas McDermott, Jr. authorizing \$1,000 of Mayor's 2019 Gaming Funds to be allocated for the preparation of a rendering of the Governor's Parkway Bridge. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-206)

Landscape Architectural Service Proposal received from Planned Environment Associates for the Governor's Parkway Bridge not to exceed \$1,000.00 in cost. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-207)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-208)

Status hearing on property located at 227 Chicago Street. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Investigations, said the property owners are moving forward with clean up, although progress is slow. Mr. Kearney requested this matter be set for status. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set this matter for status on May 9, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-209)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6427 Nebraska Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said the property was purchased in August of 2018 and when the property owner came in to pay 2018 rental registration they were told 2018 was delinquent. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-210)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1622 175th Street. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, requested this matter be continued. Recommendation by Mr. Long to continue this matter to May 30, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-211)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7215 Schneider Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Prieto said rental registration was not paid in 2018 or 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long to assess the late fee of \$500 and rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Long to assess a \$500 late fee and rental registration of \$5 for 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-212)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6826 Parrish Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Nancy Castrejon, appears and said she just purchased the property in August of 2018 and didn't realize it was late. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-213)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set these matters for hearing on May 30, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-214)

Notice of Violation on property located at 830 169th Place. Property owner, Ms. Gwyn Serbentas, appears with a Realtor who is attempting to sell the property. Mr. Bill Lewter, Inspector, Inspections Department, appears and said he saw the listing for the property on Facebook. Mr. Lewter said there are three (3) rooms in the cellar and the walls will need to be taken down. Ms. Serbentas said the basement was split at the time she purchased the house in 2006, there are many houses on the MLS listing sight that have the same type of walls in the basement and removing them will reduce the asking price of the property. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said the other properties do not make a difference in this house having three (3) illegal rooms. The realtor said he has had meetings with the Mayor, Mr. Kearney and Ms. Kris Kantar and said a deed restriction is a possible solution to this problem, Mr. Kearney said that will not solve the problem if the rooms are left as they can be used by the next owner as bedrooms. The realtor said the property is listed as a two (2) bedroom, one (1) bathroom house, not a five (5) bedroom. Recommendation by Mr. Long to affirm the Findings; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-215)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 242 Doty Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-216)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 1605 Roberts Avenue due to the property being occupied by family until after the registration deadline expired. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-217)

Contract for Demolition Services with JM Industrial Services, Inc. for the demolition of 2650 162nd Place, 838 Becker Street, 6231 Blaine Avenue, 6733 Calumet Avenue, 1032 Eaton Street, 6126 Harrison Avenue, 5213 Hohman Avenue, 6938 Jackson Avenue and 261 – 63 Webb Street at a cost of \$174,100.00. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-218)

Amusement Device Listing for the week of April 8, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-219)

Notice to Owners of Affected Property received from the Hammond City Plan Commission regarding property at 7924 Cabela Drive. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 19-220)

Correspondence received from 6th District Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$50,000 of gaming funds be allocated for park improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-221)

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-222)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf received correspondence from 2nd District Councilman Pete Torres requesting \$802,000 of gaming funds be allocated for the 2019 Overlay Program. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-223)

Mr. Margraf received a Contract for Demolition Services for the demolition of 1046 Becker Street at a cost not to exceed \$5,400.00. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-224)

Mr. Margraf also received correspondence from Ms. Tammy Paper regarding police calls made regarding Homeplate Pub patrons fighting, screaming and gunshots fired near her home. Recommendation by Mr. Long to forward the correspondence to Public Works and Councilman Scott Rakos; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-225)

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 9:50 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Kevin L. Margraf, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary