BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF MAY 30, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, May 30, 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 May 2, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Contract with HWC Engineering for the 5th District Lighting Project – Arkansas Avenue from 173rd Street to 175th Street, California Avenue from 173rd Street to 175th Street and Colorado Avenue from 173rd Street to 175th Street at a cost not to exceed $65,333.00. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-335)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, requesting the at-grade crossing of the NICTD tracks at the 4500 block alley of Hohman Avenue be closed due to limited visibility and no automatic gates at this location. Mr. Button said he has spoken with several department heads who are in agreement with the closure. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-336)

Correspondence received from Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Company requesting Indianapolis Boulevard at 165th Street be closed from June 3, 2019 through June 8, 2019 to replace two (2) tracks. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-337)

Correspondence received from Walsh & Kelly, Inc. requesting permission to detour traffic on McCook Avenue at 164th Place to complete installation of a 24" storm sewer from Friday, May 31, 2019 through Friday, June 21, 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-338)

Correspondence received from Circle "R" Mechanical requesting permission to open road cut at 541 Mulberry Street to repair a sanitary sewer line, backfill and patch asphalt on June 10 and 11, 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-339)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting to permission to perform work at 169th Street and Montana Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-340)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at Grand Avenue and 173rd Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-341)

Correspondence received from Douglas, Koeppen & Hurley requesting assistance in payment

to Smith Ready Mix, Inc. from Hooks AV, LLC. Ms. Garay said the Board has no control over how subcontractors are paid and wording in the letter indicates the law firm may want to submit a request for public record. Motion by Mr. Margraf to advise Douglas, Koeppen & Hurley to contact the contractor directly and if other information is needed a request for; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-342)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty submitting the Petition for Retirement from Sergeant David Willoughby at the close of business on June 21, 2019 and approval of Detective Sergeant John Riordan to receive Specialty Pay for completing the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy's Emergency Vehicle Operations basic instructor course. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-343)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1622 175th Street. Property owner, Mr. John Grunewald, appears, said in 2017 and 2018 there was a tenant and the property has been vacant in 2019. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, appears for the City of Hammond and said there have been no issues with the property. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for the years of 2017 and 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-344)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7531 Alexander Avenue. Property owner appears and said he has owned the property since late in 2017, rented the property in December of 2017, paid rental registration and thought it was for 2018. Mr. Kearney said there are no issues with the property. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-345)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1114 Becker Street and 35 Ruth Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Kearney requested no action be taken on 35 Ruth Street as rental registration has been paid and 2018 is due for 1114 Becker Street. Mr. Kearney then said there are no issues with the property. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration of $5 per unit for 1114 Becker Street for 2018 and to take no action on 35 Ruth Street; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-346)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 836 Field Street. Property owner appears and said the property was vacant in 2017 and 2018. Mr. Kearney requested the property owner complete affidavits for 2017 and 2018 and that there are no issues with the property. Motion by Mr. Margraf to have the property owner complete affidavits for 2017 and 2018 regarding the property being vacant; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-347)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7619 Catalpa Avenue. Property owner appears, said he has paid rental registration in 2019 which is how he has been made aware that that 2017 and 2018 have not been paid. Mr. Kearney said there have been no issues with the property and requested the late fee be waived. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2017 and 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-348)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4831 Cedar Avenue. Property owner appears and said he rehabbed the property in 2018 and did not rent until 2019. Mr. Kearney said there are no issues with the property. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-349)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 422 Locust Street. Mr. Kearney requested this matter be deferred to allow verification of the number of units at this location. Motion by Mr. Margraf to defer action on this matter; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-350)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3020 165th Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Kearney said the property was vacant in 2018 and rental registration was paid for 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf to have the property owner complete an affidavit for 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-351)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 842 State Street. Property owner appears by Mr. Alexander Smith who lives in one (1) unit of the two (2) unit property. Mr. Kearney said 2018 and 2019 are owing and there are no issues with this property. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2018 and $5 per unit for 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-352)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set these matters for September 6, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-353)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing for property located at 7345 Northcote Avenue currently set for June 20, 2019 be reset for hearing on June 6, 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for hearing on June 6, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-354)

Order to Rescind Orders to Demolish property located at 5526 Beall Avenue, 4346 Hickory Avenue and 1105 Truman Street. Ms. Kantar advised the three (3) properties have been repaired to code. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-355)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 3233 173rd Street – First Extension. Ms. Kantar said the property owners need additional time. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-356)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, advising that Councilman Scott Rakos has requested “Residential Parking Only” signs be placed on the 7200 block of Montana Avenue due to an apartment complex on the street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-357)

Copy Certificate of Title received for the 2004 Chevrolet Aveo LS. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 19-358)

Correspondence received from An Open Door Church & Ministries, 7105 Hohman Avenue, requesting the use of twelve (12) traffic barricades to block their parking lot while hosting an annual Community Outreach weekend on July 27 and 28, 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-359)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-360)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf received correspondence from AT&T requesting permission to perform work on the 7700 block of Kennedy Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-361)

Mr. Margraf received a contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc. for Tasers and Body Cameras in the amount of $1,320,366.00 to be paid over five (5) years. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-362)

INDOT LaPorte District 2018 Traffic Closure/Restriction Form received to notify that the Calumet Avenue Bridge over the Indiana Harbor Belt Rail Road and State Street will be closed June 4 and 5, 2019 for pouring the deck on the northbound side of the road. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 19-363)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, a representative of the 18th Street Distillery appeared and requested street closure from Oakley Street to Douglas Street on June 8, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for an anniversary celebration. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Ms. Garay said that this is the last Board meeting Ms. Kantar will be attending as she has been chosen as a Judge in Lake Superior Court. Ms. Garay thanked Ms. Kantar and wished her well.

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 9:46 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:_____
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary

The Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:50 a.m. A roll call was taken: Ms. Garay – present; Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present.

A representative of Roto-Rooter appeared and requested permission to work in the parkway at 818 Eaton Street to repair a sanitary sewer line on Friday, May 31, 2019 or Monday, June 3, 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

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