

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, 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 9, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid recommendation received from Torrenga Engineering, Inc. for the Dowling Park Fields Parking Lot Construction. Mr. Dean Button City Engineer, requested this matter be deferred as the Engineering Department has questions regarding the recommendation. Motion by Mr. Margraf to defer this matter; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-364)

Correspondence received from Indiana Fiber Network d/b/a Intelligent Fiber Network requesting permission to perform work at the intersection of Douglas Street and Hohman Avenue, 173rd Street and Harrison Avenue, 175th Street and Northcote Avenue to the southeast corner of 175th Street and US 41 and 175th Street and Northcote Avenue to the riser pole. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-365)

Correspondence received from LTS Managed Technical Services requesting permission to place underground fiber optic cable on Wicker Avenue from 169th Street to 171st Street, 169th Street between Kennedy Avenue and Blaine Avenue, 169th Street between Chesapeake Avenue and Wicker Avenue and 171st Street to the nearest cross street Alabama Avenue and Kennedy Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-366)

Change Order No. 1 received from Hasse Construction Co., Inc. with an increase in cost of \$4,708.31 for additional work to be done on the police garage. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-367)

Correspondence received from the Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the promotion of Michael Ciccotelli and Jesse Hamer to the rank of 2nd Class Patrolman, effective June 1, 2019, request from the Salvatorian Fathers requesting permission to walk through the City during their Marian Pilgrimage on Saturday, August 10, 2019 and August 11, 2019, approval of the 18th Street Distillery's anniversary celebration on June 8, 2019 and Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-368)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery S. Smith requesting approval of the promotion of Garrett Vahst, Eric Noto and Michell Leckrone to the rank of Private Firefighter, effective June 4, 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-369)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1431 Michigan Street. Property owner appears and said he was trying to sell the vacant property in 2018. Mr. Don Kalina, Inspector,

Inspections Department, said there were no issues with the property and requested the property owner complete an affidavit for 2018 stating there were no tenants living there. Motion by Mr. Margraf to have the property owner complete an affidavit; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-370)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7228 Schneider Avenue and 7212 McLaughlin Avenue. Property owner appears by Ms. Robin Porter, property manager. Ms. Porter said 7212 McLaughlin Avenue was vacant in both 2018 and 2019 and 7228 Schneider Avenue's rental registration was paid by check but she does not have the receipt. Mr. Kalina said there have been no issues at the properties. 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. 19-371)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 253 – 255 Humpfer Street. Property owner appears, said she has owned the property since 2009 and that the tenants are paying rent to the bankruptcy court, not to her. Mr. Kalina said the late fee was waived at a 2017 hearing on this 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. 19-372)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6703 Idaho Avenue. Property owner appears and said she missed paying rental registration in 2018 as she was staying with her sick mother. Mr. Kalina said 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; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-373)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3722 173rd Street. Property owner appears and said she has had tenants since May of 2018 and just forgot to pay the fee. Mr. Kalina 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. 19-374)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 816 Cherry Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Kalina said there are no issues at the property. Motion by Mr. Margraf to assess the late fee of \$500 and rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-375)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6645 Jefferson Avenue. Property owner appears and said he forgot to pay 2018. Mr. Kalina said rental registration has always been timely with the exception of 2018 and 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. 19-376)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7345 Northcote Avenue. Property owner appears by property manager, Ms. Robin Porter. Ms. Porter said she mailed a check for 2018 but cannot find the receipt. Mr. Kalina said there are no issues with the property. Motion by Mr.

Margraf to waive the later fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-377)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 6126 Harrison Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-378)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for hearing on August 29, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-379)

Correspondence received from the Whiting Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce requesting temporary street closures, parking bans and the use of the 1900 block of Davis Avenue for the 25th Annual Pierogi Fest Parade to be held on Friday, July 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-380)

Correspondence received from Mr. Felix Reyes requesting permission to hold a 4th of July block party on the 200 block of Doty Street with resident's signatures. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-381)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-382)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf received a request for advertising dates of June 13, 2019 and June 20, 2019 with a bid opening date of July 11, 2019 for the Multi-Use Trail Project – From 700 ft. North of the Grand Calumet River along Sohl Avenue to Torrence Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4080)

Mr. Button said an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Sanitary District and the City is needed as part of the consent decree. Mr. Button then said the City is overseeing the work being done on this Sanitary District Project.

Mr. Margraf also received a request from M.W. King Solomon Universal Grand Lodge Ancient York Masons, 863 Sibley Street, requesting the corner of Maywood Avenue and Sibley Street be blocked off for their annual St. John's Day cookout, Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and advised there are no neighbors in the area. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-383)

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Long to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary

The Board of Public Works & Safety reconvened at 9:44 a.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall. A roll call was taken: Ms. Garay – present; Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present.

Mr. Ryan Whitney, property owner of 816 Cherry Street, was on the agenda for a rental registration which had been heard. Mr. Whitney requested an opportunity to speak.

Mr. Whitney said he bought 816 Cherry Street in June of 2018, a two (2) unit property, he lives on one (1) side and rents the other. Mr. Whitney then said he knows being late reflects badly on him and asked if he would be able to do community service, as he does not have the money to pay the fine. Mr. Margraf said he would reconsider assessing the late fee. 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.

Mr. Margraf requested the findings of the initial hearing be vacated. Motion by Mr. Long; seconded by Mr. Margraf. 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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