

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 13, 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 May 23, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred.

Correspondence received from LTS Managed Technical Services LLC requesting permission to place underground fiber optic cable on Columbia Avenue and 169th Street to Columbia Avenue and 175th Street to 175th Street to Northcote Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-384)

Correspondence received from Mr. Joseph Badagliacco requesting permission to replace existing stone, wire and concrete from the sidewalk to the street on the driveway at 7523 Jackson Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-385)

Correspondence received from American Surveying & Engineering, PC requesting permission to perform test holes at several locations in the City on behalf of NICTD to determine utility locates and elevation. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-386)

Correspondence received from Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc. requesting single lane closure on SR312/Chicago Street (Overhead Toll Road Structure) from approximately June 17, 2019 through June 21, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-387)

Correspondence received from ICC requesting permission to interrupt traffic at the intersection of Calumet Avenue and Conkey Street on June 18, 2019 to accept delivery of two (2) bridge sections for the Erie Lackawanna Trail over Calumet Avenue and Conkey Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-388)

Correspondence received from INDOT advising that the Calumet Avenue Bridge over the Indiana Harbor Belt Rail Road and State Street will be closed on June 12, 2019 and June 13, 2019 for pouring the deck on the northbound side of the road. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, said the closure will be today and tomorrow due to rain delays. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 19-389)

Correspondence received from Beam Longest Neff requesting permission to conduct site soil borings on City right-of-way on Parcels 134, Tax ID #45-02-25-328-008.000-023 and 174, Tax ID #45-02-36-129-014.000-023, in July of 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-390)

Correspondence received from Salyer Plumbing requesting permission to perform work on June 7, 2019. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 19-391)

Change Order #1 received from HWC Engineering with an increase in cost of \$11,046.20 for additional sidewalk, curb, gutter and ramps to accommodate ADA regulations in the 5th District Lighting Project – Marshall Avenue and Alexander Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-392)

Facility Encroachment Agreement received from CSX Transportation, Inc. Mr. Button advised this agreement will allow the City to cross over CSX property in the Chicago Street – Phase I project. Mr. Kevin Smith, Corporation Counsel, requested the Board approve the agreement and hold payment until a signed copy from CSX is received. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-393)

Agreement Between the City of Hammond, Indiana and the City of Whiting, Indiana in regard to repairs on 121st Street from Atchison Avenue to Indianapolis Boulevard and White Oak Avenue from 127th Street to 129th Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long to defer this matter; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-394)

Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with NIES Engineering, Inc. for various engineering services in the amount of \$10,000.00. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-395)

Correspondence received from Councilmen Kalwinski, Emerson, Woerpel, Rakos and Torres each requesting \$2,000 of gaming funds be allocated for 2019 Various Engineering Services with NIES Engineering. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-396)

Correspondence with Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$41,400.00 of gaming funds be allocated for the Grand Avenue Lighting Design contract with HWC Engineering. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-397)

Correspondence received from Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$11,046.20 of gaming funds be allocated for Change Order #1 for the Alexander Avenue and Marshall Avenue Lighting Project. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-398)

Correspondence received from Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting \$10,720.00 of gaming funds be allocated for the installation of French Drains. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-399)

Correspondence received from Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$26,800.00 of gaming funds be allocated for the installation of French Drains. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-400)

Correspondence received from Councilman Bill Emerson, Sr. requesting \$26,800.00 of

gaming funds be allocated for the installation of French Drains. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-401)

Correspondence received from Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$16,080.00 of gaming funds be allocated for the installation of French Drains. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-402)

Correspondence received from Councilman Pete Torres requesting \$5,360.00 of gaming funds be allocated for the installation of French Drains. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-403)

Correspondence received from Councilman Pete Torres requesting \$25,000.00 of gaming funds be allocated for summer park activities and improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-404)

Bid award for the Ice Kube parking lot to Gough, Inc. Mr. Button said excavation quantities may require a change order in the future to finalize the exact cost. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-405)

Correspondence received from Corporation Counsel Kevin C. Smith advising Ms. Kristin Cantrell has been named the City Attorney, will work on a part time basis and bill the City monthly. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-406)

Correspondence received from Corporation Counsel Kevin C. Smtih advising of his additional representation of the City of Hammond as Corporation Counsel as the head of the Law Department. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-407)

Correspondence received from Mr. Brian L. Poland, Director of City Planning, requesting authorization to have a plat of survey prepared, with payment to be made by HOME (HUD) funds, for 4311 Clark Avenue, City owned property, as United Neighborhoods, Inc. is looking to develop the property. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-408)

Status hearing on property located at 618 119th Street. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said the structure has been demolished but the foundation remains. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 19-409)

Status hearing on property located at 7222 Jackson Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Kearney said all repairs have been completed and the property is occupied. Mr. Kearney requested this action be rescinded. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-410)

Correspondence received from Mr. Jose Jaramillo requesting rental registration hearings set on two (2) dates, June 20, 2019 and July 11, 2019, be heard on one (1) date for both properties. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set both matters for hearing on July 11, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-411)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7536 Chestnut Avenue. Property owner appears and said he did not know there was a specific due date to pay by. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said there are no issues with the property and the property owner has not yet paid for 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-412)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6127 Columbia Avenue. Property owner, First Church of the Nazarene, appears by a representative and said he overlooked the date to pay for 2019. Mr. Prieto said only 2019 is owed. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-413)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6410 Maryland Avenue and 4232 Dearborn Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Prieto advised 2018 is past due. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-414)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 5512 Beall Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Prieto advised that a hearing was held for non- payment of rental registration from 2013 through 2016 and late fees were not waived. Recommendation by Mr. Long to assess the late fee of \$500 and rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-415)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6530 California Avenue. Property owner appears, said he bought the property in the summer of 2018 and owns six (6) other properties in the City. Mr. Smith requested this matter be continued. Recommendation by Mr. Long to continue this matter to July 11, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-416)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4609 Pine Avenue. Property owner appears and said he came on the last day to pay but was too late as the office was closed. Mr. Prieto said there are no issues with the property. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-417)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7514 Jackson Avenue, 6604 Jackson Avenue, 414 Florence Street and 7205 Hohman Avenue. Property owner appears, said he has never been late before and failing to register the properties “just fell through the cracks”. Mr. Prieto said 7514 Jackson Avenue is a three (3) unit and the others are single family dwellings and there are no issues with any of the properties. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-418)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set these matters for September 12, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-419)

Correspondence received from the Downtown Hammond Council requesting “No Parking” signs be posted on Hohman Avenue and Williams Street from Friday, June 14, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. to June 15, 2019 at 10:00 p.m. for the Eat, Shop & Rock Festival. Recommendation by Mr. Long to

approve subject to receipt of “No Parking” signs being provided to Public Works to post; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-420)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gus Moreno, 6735 Rhode Island Avenue, requesting permission to hold a block party on July 4, 2019, with street closure at 167th Street and Rhode Island Avenue with petition of resident’s signatures. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-421)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting Officers Daniel Drudge and Michael Rivera receive Field Training (FTO) Specialty Pay, effective May 24, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-422)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-423)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf received a proposal from Nies Engineering, Inc. for construction inspection services in the new parking lot construction at Dowling Park Fields Addition at a cost of \$41,600.00. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-424)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Attorney Robert Sorge requested a rental registration hearing for property located at 1319 150th Street, currently set for August 1, 2019 be reset to June 20, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long to reset this matter to June 20, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred.

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 9:50 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Kevin L. Margraf, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary