BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, June 20, 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. Long to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 23, 2019; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – 139th Street Reconstruction – Sheffield Avenue to Hohman Avenue. Bids received as follows:

Walsh & Kelly, Inc.	$198,973.60
Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc.	$198,894.20
Gallagher Asphalt	$187,681.57

Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4081)

Bid opening – Torrence Avenue Lighting from 137th Street to 139th Street, Burton Court Lighting from Roosevelt Drive to Warwick Avenue, Hamann Court Lighting from Roosevelt Drive to Warwick Avenue and Roosevelt Drive Lighting west of Benjamin Place to Wolf Lake Trail. Bids received as follows:

Hawk Enterprises, Inc.	$592,130.57
Midwestern Electric	$555,012.02

Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4082)

Supplemental Agreement No. 3 with First Group Engineering for the Bike Trail from the Indiana Harbor Belt Trail to the Grand Marquette Trail at Baltimore Avenue and 142nd Street in an amount not to exceed $5,000.00. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-425)

Agreement Between the City of Hammond, Indiana and the City of Whiting, Indiana for improvements on 121st Avenue from Atchison Avenue to Indianapolis Boulevard. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, advised this project is being done with Community Crossing monies and the City's portion at $31,403.00. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-426)

Correspondence received from Clickfix requesting a sign be placed coming from Illinois at Michigan City Road which turns into Wildwood Road in Indiana. Mr. Button requested this matter be referred to the Engineering Department. Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to the

Engineering Department; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-427)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Police Department approving the block party on the 6700 block of Rhode Island Avenue on July 4, 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-428)

Notice to Owners of Affected Property located at 5729 59 Hohman Avenue. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 19-429)

Emergency Demolition hearing on property located at 905 Lyons Street. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said there was a fire at the property recently which has left the property a hazard to the public and requested the Board sign the Emergency Findings and Order for the demolition of the property. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-430)

Bids received for the demolition of 905 Lyons Street. Bids received as follows:

JM Industrial Services, Inc.	$12,800.00
Gary Material Supply, LLC	$23,500.00
Actin Contracting, LLC	$19,250.00

Mr. Kearney requested the Board award the demolition to JM Industrial Services, Inc.

Motion by Mr. Margraf to award the demolition to JM Industrial Services, Inc.; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-431)

Order to Rescind Orders to Demolish property located at 7222 Jackson Avenue. Mr. Kearney said the work has been completed and the property has been rented. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-432)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7023 Maplewood Avenue and 1513 173rd Street. Property owner appears, said he had family issues at the time and just forgot the due date. Mr. Kearney said there are no issues at the property and rental registration has always been paid timely. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-433)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1220 – 26 Highland Street and 5817 – 23 Columbia Avenue. Property owner appears. Mr. Kearney said there are a total of eight (8) units, there have been tall grass issues but that has been resolved. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-434)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7345 Northcote Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Kearney said there is a property manager who should have been notified. Motion by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to June 29, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES

ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-435)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2446 White Oak Avenue. Property owner appears, said this is a three (3) unit in which he lives in one (1) unit and his two (2) daughters live in the others. Mr. Kearney requested that the property owner complete an affidavit regarding the family living arrangement. Motion by Mr. Margraf to have the property owner complete an affidavit; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-436)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2703 162nd Place and 7575 Kentucky Avenue. Property owners appear by their property manager, Mr. George Vogrin. Mr. Kearney requested this matter be continued as neither property has had a final inspection. Motion by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to July 11, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-437)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 5933 Wallace Road and 5935Wallace Road. Property owner appears by property manager. Mr. Kearney said the properties have not yet had a final inspection and requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to July 11, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-438)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1319 150th Street. Property owner appears. Mr. Kearney said he received a letter from Attorney Robert Sorge allowing the property owner to appear without counsel. Mr. Kearney said the property owner is in the process of selling the property and this is holding up the sale. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-439)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1635 Roberts Avenue. Property owner appears. Mr. Kearney said the late fee was waived in 2017 for this property and rental registration has not been paid for 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf to assess the late fee of $500 and rental registration at $5 per unit for 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-440)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Port Authority advising the annual Fourthof July Celebration will take place with fireworks beginning at 9:30 p.m., with traffic control and Venetian Night Festivities, Saturday, July 13, 2019 will have a fireworks display beginning at 10:10 p.m. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 19-441)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set these matters for hearing on September 19, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-442)

Correspondence received from Mr. Rodrigo Miramontes requesting permission to hold a block party at 1024 Hoffman Street on July 4, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., with street closure. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-443)

Correspondence received from Mr. Chris Gamez, The Old Glory Tavern, 6755 Indianapolis Boulevard, requesting permission to hold a street party, Saturday, June 29, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with Martha Street, from Indianapolis Boulevard to the alley blocked. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-444)

Correspondence received from Ms. Lee Ann Kornacki, American Veterans Motorcycle Riders Association, Chapter 14, requesting permission to place a 4 foot by 6 foot banner, on Indianapolis Boulevard to display their 3rd Annual Rock the Vets event, August 17, 2019 to raise money for the Indiana Veterans Home. Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to the Mayor's Office; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-445)

Correspondence received from St. Casimir Church, 4340 Johnson Avenue, requesting permission to hold their Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, June 23, 2019 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. with traffic control. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-446)

Interlocal Agreement Between the Hammond Sanitary District and the City of Hammond for the construction of a bike trail with bio-swale drainage with the City supervising the project. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-447)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-448)

Access Agreement between the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) and the City of Hammond to expand the Westlake Corridor. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-449)

Ms. Garay recognized Councilman Pete Torres in the audience.

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Councilman Torres requested permission for St. Margaret Mary Church to hold a Corpus Christi procession Sunday, June 23, 2019 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with traffic control. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-450)

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 9:50 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:_____
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary