

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

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, July 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 approve the minutes of the meeting of June 6, 2019 and to defer approval of the minutes of June 13, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred.

Bid opening – Multi-Use Trail Project from 700 Feet North of the Grand Calumet River along Sohl Avenue to Torrence Avenue. Bids received as follows:

Walsh & Kelly, Inc.	\$459,960.44
Dyer Construction Co., Inc.	\$372,731.61
Gariup Construction Co., Inc.	\$399,700.00
Grimmer Construction Co., Inc.	\$488,855.82

Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Res. No. 4080)

Request for advertising dates of August 1, 2019 and August 8, 2019 with a bid opening date of August 22, 2019 for the demolition of 7117 Carolina Avenue (front), 4414 Clark Avenue, 244 Detroit Street (rear), 1020 Drackert Street (front and garage), 1242 – 44 Hoffman Street, 4339 Hohman Avenue (rear and garage), 4619 Hohman Avenue, 1344 Indiana Street (front and garage), 2021 Lake Avenue, 1940 Lincoln Avenue (front and garage), 7728 Linden Avenue (front and garage), 244 Marble Street, 903 Morris Street (garage only), 1509 Myrtle Avenue (front), 4140 Sheffield Avenue (front), 629 Sibley Street, 1251 Stanton Avenue (front) and 544 Waltham Street (front). Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Res. No. 4081)

Correspondence received from ICC requesting permission to close the intersection of Calumet Avenue and Conkey Street on July 24, 2019, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to erect the Erie Lackawanna Bridge crossing the intersection. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, advised this has been approved by INDOT. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-482)

Correspondence received from Councilman Bill Emerson Sr. requesting \$66,200.00 of gaming funds be allocated for the design and supervision contract with First Group Engineering – Roadway, Mill, Patch and Resurfacing of Hohman Avenue from 165th Street to the Little Calumet Bridge. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-483)

Agreement with First Group Engineering for design and supervision in the Roadway Mill, Patch and Resurface of Hohman Avenue from 165th Street to the Little Calumet Bridge Approach. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-484)

Correspondence received from Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$30,000.00 of gaming funds be allocated for the 2019 Road Maintenance Program. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-485)

Correspondence received from Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. advising of single full closure on the Indiana Toll Road on 112th Street at the ITR Bridge over 112th Street from August 5, 2019 through August 12, 2019. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 19-486)

Access Agreement with the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) for access to City right-of-way to perform soil borings at 256 Clinton Street, 225 Russell Street and 417 Fayette Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-487)

Correspondence received from NICTD requesting permission for temporary road closure to make track repairs at Torrence Avenue from July 29, 2019 through August 12, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-488)

Correspondence received from Grimmer Construction, Inc. requesting lane restrictions on 167th Street from Indianapolis Boulevard to Woodmar Avenue from July 11, 2019 through August 15, 2019 for 167th Street North Sidewalk Repair. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-489)

Change Order #2 received from Beam Longest and Neff to remove the foundation of a light pole on Calumet Avenue and install a new junction box with an increase in cost of \$2,486.87. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-490)

Agreement to Rehabilitate property located at 1250 Hoffman Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-491)

Bid recommendation received from United Consulting for 139th Street Reconstruction to Gallagher Asphalt Corporation to Gallagher Asphalt Corporation, lowest, most responsible and responsive bidder, at \$187,681.57. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-492)

Bid recommendation received from United Consulting for the 1st District Lighting Project – Maiden Lane, Roosevelt Drive, Hamann Court, Burton Court and Torrence Avenue to Midwestern Electric, Inc. to Midwestern Electric, lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-493)

Correspondence received from A Plus Construction and Plumbing requesting permission to install new water service at 38 Condit Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-494)

Corporate Partner Program Services Agreement with Enterprise Holdings. Corporation Counsel, Mr. Kevin Smith, said the agreement is for City use. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr.

Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-495)

Termination of existing License Agreement between Speedway, 7345 Kennedy Avenue, and the City of Hammond. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-496)

Correspondence received from Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$25,000.00 of gaming funds be allocated to the Park Department for summer park activities and improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-497)

Correspondence received from ClickFix requesting “Residential Parking Only” or “No Parking” on Roosevelt Drive by the bike trail. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer this matter to Public Works; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-498)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-499)

Status hearing on property located at 227 Chicago Street. Property owner and attorney fail to appear. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, advised that all work has stopped as NICTD may purchase the property. Mr. Kearney requested this matter be set for status. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set this matter for status on August 29, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-500)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision regarding property located at 550 173rd Street (2 units) and 3843 Sheffield Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-501)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 5933 Wallace Road and 5935 Wallace Road. Property manager appear. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said there was just an electrical inspection was just completed and passed, and rental registration is due for 2017, 2018 and 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for each year; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-502)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2703 162nd Place and 7575 Kentucky Avenue. Property owner appears by property manager. Mr. Prieto said final inspections have not yet been completed and 2703 162nd Place owes for 2018 and 7525 Kentucky Avenue owes for 2017 and 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration for 2703 162 Place at \$5 per unit for 2018 and to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for the year 2019 for 7525 Kentucky Avenue; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-503)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6430 Madison Avenue and 915 Chicago Street. Property owner appears, said 6430 Madison Avenue, which he purchased on May 5, 2017, was used for storage and he has owned 915 Chicago Street since February 27, 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee on 6430 Madison Avenue and assess rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2018 and to assess the late fee of \$500 and assess rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2018 and 2019 on 915 Chicago Street; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-504)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2510 White Oak Avenue. Property owner appears, said he came in one (1) day late and was told he would have to appear for this hearing. Mr. Prieto said there are no issues at this 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. 19-505)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6530 California Avenue. Mr. Prieto requested this matter be deferred. Recommendation by Mr. Long to continue this matter to July 25, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-506)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1174 – 1176 Sibley Street. Property owner appears and said she was in the hospital which is why the fee was not paid. Mr. Prieto said there are no issues at 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. 19-507)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set these matters for hearing on August 22, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-508)

Amusement Device listing for the week of July 8, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-509)

Correspondence received from Mr. Buddie Fennie requesting street closure at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church for their 100 Year Picnic and Historical Marker presentation on Saturday, July 20, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and speed limit signs posted on Kenwood Street. Mr. Fennie appeared, said the Mayor has done a great job and this is a historical event for his church. Mr. Long asked if a patrol car can be stationed in the area, instead of posting any other signage. Mr. Fennie said that would be acceptable. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-510)

Correspondence received from Ms. Virginia Seljan, 1231 169th Street, requesting yellow striping be placed on the curb to mark the entrance of her driveway. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer this to Public Works; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-511)

Correspondence received from Ms. Trina Lee Schultz, 904 Cherry Street, requesting street closure at Rhode Avenue and Cherry Street, July 13, 2019, for a birthday party from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-512)

Correspondence received from Mr. James Douglas, 218 Hanover Street, requesting street closure of the 200 block of Hanover Street, August 31, 2019, from noon to 10:00 p.m. for a block party. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-513)

Correspondence received from the First Baptist Church of Hammond requesting street closure of State Street and Oakley Street from Willow Court to Sibley Street, July 15, 2019 through July 18, 2019 for their annual Youth Conference. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-514)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-515)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Margraf received a request from Ms. Breann Miller, 644 114th Street, to hold a block party on August 11, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-516)

Mr. Margraf received a request from A.J. the Plumber to remove a 5' x 5' portion of the north side of the street to connect new services to 3328 Orchard Drive. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-517)

Mr. Margraf then received correspondence from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting withdrawal of the disciplinary action submitted on June 24, 2019. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 19-518)

Under Old Business, denial of the request from the American Veterans Motorcycle Riders Association, Chapter 14, to place a banner on Indianapolis Boulevard. Mr. Margraf said as event is not sponsored by the City, the Board cannot give approval. Mr. Margraf said if the placement of the banner was approved in the past, it was an oversight. (Ins. No. 19-519)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Margraf received a request from Mr. Terry Johnston, 7219 Beech Avenue, requesting permission to hold a block party on the 7100, 7200 and 7300 blocks of Beech Avenue, September 1 and 2, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve subject to the Board of Public Works & Safety's inspection of the area to be blocked; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-520)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Long adjourn; Mr. Margraf concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Kevin L. Margraf, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary