

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2019, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Ms. Garay - present; Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – absent.

Due to the absence of Mr. Long, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 1, 2019 and August 8, 2019; Ms. Garay concurred.

Request for advertising dates of August 22, 2019 and August 29, 2019 with a bid opening date of September 12, 2019 for the 1st District Street Project – Wolf Lake Ribbon Curb – Hamann Court, Maiden Lane, Forsythe Square, Roosevelt Drive. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Res. No. 2855)

Request for advertising dates of August 22, 2019 and August 29, 2019 with a bid opening date of September 12, 2019 for 6th District Lighting Improvements – Carolina Avenue between 165th Street to 169th Street and Tennessee Avenue between 163rd Street to 167th Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Res. No. 2837)

Contract with Midwestern Electric, Inc. for Lighting Improvements on Torrence Avenue, Burton Court, Hamann Court and Roosevelt Drive. Mr. Jonathan Parker, Engineering Department, requested this matter be deferred as funding is not in place for the project. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to August 22, 2019; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-605)

Correspondence received from Mayor Thomas McDermott, Jr. and Councilman Bill Emerson, Sr. each requesting \$100,000 of their gaming funds be allocated for the resurfacing of Hohman Avenue from 165th Street south to the Little Calumet River. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-606)

Correspondence received from Councilman Bill Emerson Sr. requesting \$7,500.00 of gaming funds be allocated for design and construction observation with Nies Engineering – alley drainage improvement project – south 100 block of 169th alley. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-607)

Correspondence received from Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$75,000 of gaming funds be allocated for 2019 park improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-608)

Correspondence received from Crawford Murphy & Tilly advising that INDOT will be conducting surveys on City owned property, Des. No. 1801907. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 19-609)

Correspondence received from Calumet College of St. Joseph requesting the PolyJohn sign in the middle of College Boulevard be removed and to use the property on September 10, 2019 for excess parking for their college fair. Ms. Amy McCormick, President, Calumet College, appeared and said she would like the PolyJohn sign removed and replaced with a sign for Calumet College, using the blue City of Hammond posts. Corporation Counsel, Mr. Kevin Smith, said he will need to check on the correct owner of the property, as the Port Authority may own the property. Mr. Smith also advised that Ms. McCormick speak with Mr. Milan Kruszynski, Port Authority and Mr. Brian Poland, City Planner, regarding any zoning issues. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to the Port Authority and Planning and conditionally approve the request upon locating the correct owner; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-610)

Correspondence received from the M.W. King Solomon Universal Grand Lodge, Ancient York Masons, 863 Sibley Street, requesting permission to hold an end of summer cookout, Saturday, August 17, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., with street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-611)

Correspondence received from Mr. Andy Dybel, Lion's Club, requesting street closure of the first 250 feet of the 1900 block of Atchison Avenue, in front of the Knights of Columbus Hall, Thursday, August 22, 2019, for the Battle of 119th Street BBQ. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-612)

Correspondence received from the First Baptist Church of Hammond requesting State Street and Oakley Avenue be closed Monday, August 19, 2019, from noon to 8:00 p.m. for an outdoor event. Mr. Aaron Eggers, Assistant Pastor/Security, appeared and said there will be in-service training, with a large group of people attending that day. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-613)

Correspondence received from Purdue University Northwest requesting the "Resident Only" parking restriction be lifted on streets adjacent to Dowling Park, for a Fall Sports Festival, Saturday, September 7, 2019. Mr. Smith said this matter has gone before the Park Board and Mr. Brian Miller, Director of Public Safety, has talked with Hammond Police Chief John Doughty but there is a questions regarding "lifting" the "Residential Parking" signs. Mr. Smith requested Mr. Miller appear at the meeting of August 22, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to have Mr. Brian Miller appear at the meeting of August 22, 2019; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-614)

Correspondence received from Mr. Derrick Durr requesting permission to block part of Tapper Avenue between the 900 and 1000 block of Drackert Street, Saturday, August 17, 2019 for an end of summer barbeque. Mr. Margraf said he will look at the area after the meeting to ensure the area can be blocked. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-615)

Request for an Encroachment on property located at 5706 Hohman Avenue. Mr. Arik Mizrachi, owner of 5706 Hohman Avenue, appears and said he will be re-blacktopping the parking lot and a small portion of it is City owned. Mr. Parker said Engineering has reviewed the encroachment and has no objection. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-616)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-617)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Chris Moore, NIES Engineering, submitted a request from Grimmer Construction, Inc. to close the intersection of 167th Street and Leland Avenue from August 15, 2019 and August 16, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-618)

Mr. Smith then said the representatives from Calumet College will need to meet with Redevelopment regarding the parking lot, Mr. Brian Poland and Ms. La’Kisha Girder both in Planning and then advised he has contacted Mr. Kruzynski, Port Authority regarding the request.

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; Ms. Garay concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary