

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF AUGUST 29, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 29, 2019, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Ms. Garay - absent; Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – absent.

Due to the absence of Ms. Garay, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 22, 2019; Mr. Long concurred.

Request for advertising dates of September 5, 2019 and September 12, 2019 with a bid opening date of September 26, 2019 for 2nd District Lighting & Sidewalk Program – Cedar Avenue from 150th Street to Hoffman Street, Pine Avenue from 150th Street to Hoffman Street, Henry Avenue from Millennium Court to Michigan Street, Millennium Court from Henry Avenue to Torrence Avenue, Torrence Avenue from Millennium Court to Michigan Street, Wilcox Street from Calumet Avenue to Columbia Avenue, Roosevelt Street from Howard Avenue to Columbia Avenue, Truman Street from Columbia Avenue to Tell Avenue, Indiana Street from Columbia Avenue to Tell Avenue, Birch Avenue from Atlas Street to Roosevelt Street and Atlas Street from Birch Avenue to White Oak Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Res. No. 2846)

Correspondence received from Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc. advising there will be full road closure on Huehn Street, Gostlin Street, 149th and 150th Street at the Indiana Toll Road (ITR) Bridge, Wednesday, September 4, 2019 through November 22, 2019, full road closure on Chicago Street at the ITR Bridge over road, in two (2) phases, September 6 through September 9, 2019 and October 11, 2019 through October 13, 2019 or October 18, 2019 through October 20, 2019 and single lane closure in each direction on Chicago Street at the ITR Bridge in two phases, September 4, 2019 through September 6, 2019 and as needed September 9, 2019 through November 22, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-631)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-632)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4735 Henry Avenue. Property owner appears, said he lives in one (1) of the two (2) units and just forgot the due date. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said this matter has been before the Board before and the late fee was waived at that time. Recommendation by Mr. Long to assess the late fee of \$500 and rental registration of \$5 for 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-633)

Status hearing on property located at 2312 White Oak Avenue. Property owner's brother, as the property owner is in the military. Corporation Counsel, Mr. Kevin Smith, said there is a bathroom, which can be kept, and a kitchen which will need to be removed. Property owner's brother had an affidavit from the property owner which stated the property is a single family home and will remain a single family home with no sleeping rooms in the basement. Mr. Kelly Kearney,

Chief of Inspections, said the water and gas will need to be cut, the bathroom may remain. Mr. Smith said that a deed restriction will need to be completed prior to the closing date. Recommendation by Mr. Long to affirm the Findings pending the finalization of a deed restriction; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19 -634)

Status hearing on property located at 6145 Ray Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Kearney said a plumbing permit was pulled last week and that work should begin soon. Mr. Kearney requested this matter be continued. Recommendation by Mr. Long to continue this matter to December 12, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-635)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set these matters for hearing on October 3, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-636)

Correspondence received from Ms. Alma Williams requesting permission to hold a Back to School Block party from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., with street closure of the 1100 block of Moss Street, Saturday, September 7, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-637)

Correspondence received from Ms. Adriana Sandoval requesting permission to hold a block party on the 4700 block of Towle Avenue, with street closure, on Sunday, September 1, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-638)

Correspondence received from Mr. Jesus Franco, 848 Summer Street, requesting permission to hold a block party, August 31, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with street closure from 848 Summer Street to Maywood Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-639)

Correspondence received requesting a “Children at Play” at Cleveland Street and Van Buren Avenue and Oakdale Avenue between 175th Street and 176th Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer these matters to Public Works; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-640)

Request for Right of Encroachment into Public Right-of-Way on property located at 4849 Hickory Avenue received from property owner, Mr. David Tokar. Mr. Tokar appeared and said this is necessary as a step of the porch encroaches the City walk. Mr. Jonathan Parker, Engineering, said that he has spoken with Mr. Tokar and that he has approved the encroachment. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-641)

Right-of-Way Permit with Gora Plumbing to perform work on New York Avenue submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-642)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-643)

Request for advertising dates of September 5, 2019 and September 12, 2019 with a bid opening date of September 26, 2019 for the 4th District Lighting Project – 174th Street from

Calumet Avenue to Columbia Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Res. No. 2838)

Under Old Business, Purdue University Northwest Fall Sport Festival parking. Mr. Brian Miller, Director of Public Safety, Purdue University Northwest, appeared. Mr. Miller said Purdue Police will provide patrol during the event and requested the “Residential Parking” signs be covered from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on September 7, 2019 to allow additional parking beyond Purdue parking lots. Mr. Long said he will make the Police Department aware of the event and covering the signs will not be necessary due to the length of the event. Mr. Smith said the residents should be notified of the event and asked Mr. Miller if he would take care of that. Mr. Miller said he would have flyers delivered to the residents. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-644)

Placement of moving pod at 1610 Atchison Avenue. Mr. Margraf said that he went to 1610 Atchison Avenue and there is enough room to place a pod there. Recommendation by Mr. Long to allow placement of a moving pad in front of 1610 Atchison Avenue; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-645)

Under Matters from Board members, Mr. Margraf received correspondence from Gough, Inc. requesting permission to close 175th Street from Arizona Avenue to Alabama Avenue, September 12 and 13, 2019 to complete a sanitary tie-in. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-646)

Mr. Margraf also received a contract with Gallagher Asphalt Corporation for the 139th Street reconstruction project. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-647)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Michael Boyer, requested increased police presence in the alley from 173rd Street to 171st Street on the east side of Calumet Avenue. Mr. Margraf said that this has been brought before the Board early this year and it was changed to a two (2) way alley due to fact that there is no ordinance allowing it to be one (1) way. Mr. Margraf said that he will request additional speed limit signs be placed there. Mr. Smith told Mr. Boyer to contact Councilman Emerson and also to talk with the Planning Department if he would like it changed back to one (1) way. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer this matter to Public Works for the additional signage; 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 9:45 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Kevin L. Margraf, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary