

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, September 12, 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 August 29, 2019 and September 5, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred.

Bid opening – 1st District Local Street Project – Wolf Lake Ribbon Curb – Hamann Court, Maiden Lane, Forsythe Square and Roosevelt Drive. Bids received as follows:

Walsh & Kelly, Inc.	\$ 71,270.00 – Addendum #1 \$217,125.00 – Addendum #2
Davis Concrete Construction Company	\$ 79,067.50 – Addendum #1 \$ 201,279.50 - Addendum #2
Gariup Construction Co., Inc.	\$157,500.00 – Addendum #1 \$263,500.00 – Addendum #2

Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Res. No. 2855)

Bid opening – 6th District Local Street Project – Carolina Avenue between 165th Street to 169th Street and Tennessee Avenue between 163rd Street to 167th Street Lighting Improvements. Bids received as follows:

Hawk Enterprises, Inc.	\$395,841.86
Midwestern Electric, Inc.	\$442,702.10

Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Res. No. 2837)

Change Order received from Beam Longest and Neff requesting an extension of one (1) week in the completion date in the Erie Lackawanna Trail over Calumet Avenue project with no cost increase. City Engineer, Mr. Dean Button, said the time extension was requested by the City due to Festival of the Lakes. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-661)

Correspondence received from Norfolk Southern Engineering requesting permission to repair the railroad crossings at Columbia Avenue beginning September 16, 2019 and Marble Street beginning September 18, 2019. Mr. Button said Engineering has reviewed. Recommendation by

Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-662)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6530 California Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said the property owner, Mr. Randal Hendrix, did provide a copy of the deed showing him in title as of April 15, 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-663)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 825 Eaton Street. Property owner appears, said she has always paid timely in the past and simply forgot to pay timely this year. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-664)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 904 Cherry Street. Property owner appears by his son who said he recently took over the property from his sister. Mr. Prieto said there was a rental registration hearing in 2014 and the late fee was waived. Mr. Prieto then said there are no issues with the property. Recommendation by Mr. Long to assess the late fee of \$500, as it had been waived previously, and rental registration at \$5 per unit; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-665)

Correspondence received from Mr. Albert Arellano requesting the rental registration hearing currently set for September 19, 2019 be continued to September 26, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long to continue this matter to September 26, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-666)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 7225 Southeastern Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Jason Hawkins, Inspector, Inspections Department, said the building is currently a four (4) unit but built to be a three (3) unit. Mr. Hawkins said there is a three (3) unit electric box servicing all four (4) units as two (2) use one (1) unit. Mr. Hawkins requesting the Board affirm the Findings requiring the removal of the cellar unit by a licensed contractor. Recommendation by Mr. Long to affirm the Findings; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-667)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set this matter on October 10, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-668)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-669)

Under Matters from Other Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Button wished Mr. Margraf a Happy Anniversary.

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Ms. Lenette Austin appeared for the New Community Baptist Church requesting approval of a parade going from their old location on Summer Street to their new location on Cherry Street. Ms. Austin said the route does include Calumet Avenue, a State road, and she does have paperwork from INDOT requiring Hammond's approval of the route prior to the State approval. Mr. Long said that he will have Lieutenant Vicari of Traffic contact the church regarding the route. (Ins. No. 19-670)

Ms. Linda Trevino, property owner of 422 Locust Street, appeared and said she just received the order regarding payment of the late fee for a rental registration hearing that she did not attend. Ms. Trevino requested another hearing as she is buying the property on contract and did not get notification until after the order was entered. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set this matter for hearing on September 26, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-671)

Ms. Donna Crozier requested the corner of Northcote Avenue and Southeastern Avenue be repaired and a sidewalk be added along 167<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Dean Button acknowledged the request.

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Long to adjourn; Mr. Margraf concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin L. Margraf, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary