

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 19, 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 defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of September 12, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred.

Request for advertising dates of September 26, 2019 and October 3, 2019 with a bid opening date of October 17, 2019 for Renovations to the City Jail. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Res. No. 4084)

Agreement Covering Reconstruction of Roadway, Reconstruction of Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing and Relocation of Grade Crossing Warning Devices at Sheffield Avenue and Brunswick Street. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, said the work is being done on crossings in the Chicago Street – Phase I project and will be paid with 80% federal money and the 20% remaining will be paid by the City. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-672)

Agreement Covering Reconstruction of Roadway, Reconstruction of Railroad – Highway Grade Crossing and Replacement of Grade Crossing Warning Devices at Sheffield Avenue. Mr. Button said this is the same type of agreement as the one prior but a different location. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-673)

Roadway Plans for Chicago Street Widening and Reconstruction. Mr. Button requested the title sheet be signed. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-674)

Bid recommendation received from SEH of Indiana for the 6th District Local Street Project – Carolina Avenue and Tennessee Avenue Lighting Improvements – to lowest most responsive and responsible bidder. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-675)

Change Order No. 2 received from First Group Engineering for the substitution of the plan quantity for sod with seed and seed blanket. Mr. Button this work is being done on the Mayor’s Trail – Phase I and though the cost of the change order is an increase of \$13,966.20 but the entire project will come in lower than anticipated. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-676)

Bid recommendation received from NIES Engineering, Inc. for the 1st District Local Street Project – Wolf Lake Ribbon Curb Project – to Davis Concrete Construction Co., Inc. the lowest and most responsive and responsible bidder. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-677)

Correspondence received from Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$3,690.00 of gaming funds be allocated for French Drains in his district. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-678)

Right of Way Permit forms submitted for approval. Mr. Jonathan Parker, Engineering Department, said all of the permits have been approved by Engineering. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-679)

Correspondence received from Detective Jason Schafbuch requesting release of vehicle titles from the Controller's Office. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-680)

Access Request for the Grand Calumet River Habitat Restoration Project. Corporation Counsel, Mr. Kevin Smith, said access will be given to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to provide herbicide treatment of nuisance and/or invasive plants along the Grand Calumet River. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-681)

Third Amendment to Industrial Waste and Disposal Services Contract with Waste Management of Indiana, LLC. Mr. Smith advised the amendment is for waste disposal, not recycling and will be in effect for the next two (2) years. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-682)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty advising of the resignation of Officer Alejandra Alvarez, effective September 27, 2019, the retirement of Sergeant Todd Larson effective November 15, 2019 and Disposal Authorizations. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-683)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4733 Calumet Avenue. Property owner appears, said she uses one (1) of the units as her office and rents the other. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said rental registration had been paid timely in the past and 2019 in unpaid. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration of \$5 per unit; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-684)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6613 Marshall Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Prieto said 2017, 2018 and 2019 are unpaid. Recommendation by Mr. Long to assess two (2) late fees of \$500 each for 2017 and 2018, waive the late fee for 2019 and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2017, 2018 and 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-685)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 734 169th Street. Property owner appears, said she mailed a check for rental registration to Inspections on March 15, 2019 but she stopped payment on it as Inspections said they never received the check. Mr. Prieto said rental registration had always been paid timely. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-686)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7135 Northcote Avenue. Property owner

appears, said he thought payment of rental registration had stopped due to litigation being filed. Mr. Prieto said 2018 and 2019 are owed. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018 and 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-687)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director of Public Works, advising of the placement of “No Parking This Side” signs on the north side of 116th Street between the alley east of Amy Avenue and Roberts Avenue for a ninety (90) day trial. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-688)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason requesting permission to place a sign stating “No Parking, No Standing, No Drop Off” at Conkey Street and Jefferson Avenue with the curb painted yellow. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-689)

Correspondence received from Clark Middle/High School requesting permission to hold their annual Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 27, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. with route. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-690)

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, September 28, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., with street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-691)

Correspondence received from Ms. Shonda Dawson, 6703 Rhode Island Avenue requesting east and west stop signs at the intersection of 167th Street and Rhode Island Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer this matter to the Engineering Department; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-692)

Correspondence received from Mr. Ruben Cornejo, Crawford Broadcasting Company, 6336 Calumet Avenue, requesting permission to use the vacant lot across the street from the business for employees to use at their Employee Appreciation Event on October 11, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Corporation Counsel, Mr. Kevin Smith, said the lot is privately owned, not owned by the City. Recommendation by Mr. Long to deny the request; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-693)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-694)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Margraf received correspondence from Councilman Pete Torres requesting \$1,230.00 of gaming funds be allocated for the installation of French Drains in his district. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-695)

Corporation Counsel, Mr. Kevin Smith asked the Board for information on parade route for the church. Mr. Long said that Lieutenant Vicari has talked with someone at INDOT and the paperwork should be done soon.

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, a member of the Spanish Pentecostal Church requested permission to serve the community and evangelize on September 28, 2019, on their property at 4624 Hohman Avenue. Mr. Smith asked if there would be any City property used during this time and the response was that all activity would be conducted on private property. Mr. Smith advises the church members that they would need to go to Environmental Management if there would be any type of music. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred.

Ms. Anna Marie Franklin appeared before the Board to request there be an amended report for the demolition of 1940 Lincoln Avenue. Ms. Franklin said that she received a notice to go to East Chicago for the hearing regarding the condition of the property. Mr. Smith asked Ms. Franklin had an attorney as Mr. Smith believes that he has spoken with him. Mr. Prieto said there has been no water or gas at the property since 2011. Ms. Franklin said she has all of the materials needed to repair the property, with the exception of the roof which she cannot afford but is trying to find a contractor that will let her pay monthly. Mr. Smith said that there is a demolition order on the property, if Ms. Franklin can make repairs she may sign an Agreement to Rehabilitate and the work will be monitored. Ms. Franklin then began to read the items she thought should be eliminated from repair, such as the kitchen which she said there should be no repair as she likes how it looks. Mr. Long advised Ms. Franklin need not go through the list, as it was not going to be changed today. Mr. Long then said she needs to set an appointment with Mr. Kearney and Mr. Lewter. Ms. Franklin then asked if she could appeal the order of repair. Mr. Smith responded that yes, she could.

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 9:52 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Kevin L. Margraf, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary