

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2019**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2019, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Ms. Garay - present; Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present.

Motion by Mr. Margraf to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening for the 4th District 174th Street Lighting Project from Calumet Avenue to Columbia Avenue. Bids received as follows:

Hawk Enterprises, Inc.	\$283,671.33
Midwestern Electric, Inc.	\$275,361.27

Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2838)

Bid opening for the 2019 2nd District Lighting & Sidewalk Project - 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 Street 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; Atlas Street from Birch Avenue to White Oak Avenue. Bids received as follows:

Hawk Enterprises, Inc.	\$648,785.55
Midwestern Electric, Inc.	\$625,786.92

Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2846)

Agreement with SEH of Indiana for professional services for the 2019 6th District Fall Lighting Improvements Project; Carolina Avenue between 165th Street and 169th Street and Tennessee Avenue between 163rd Street and 167th Street, at a cost of \$32,800.00, submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-696)

Correspondence received from Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$395,841.86 of gaming funds be allocated for the construction contract with Hawk Inc. and \$32,800.00 for the supervision contract with SEH of Indiana. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-697)

Correspondence received from Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$14,518.33 of gaming funds be allocated for French Drains in the district and correspondence received from Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting \$2,460.00 of gaming funds be allocated for French Drains in the district. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-698)

Correspondence received from Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting \$2,172.00 of gaming funds be allocated for the testing done by Advanced Engineering Services (AES) Inc. for the 164th Place and Alexander Avenue reconstruction project. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-699)

Right of Way Permit forms submitted for approval. Mr. Jonathan Parker, Engineering Department, said the permits have been reviewed by the Engineering Department. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-700)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting the approval of Officer Ryan Orr being promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant effective September 18, 2019, Officers Brian Webber and Michael Elkmann be transferred to Criminal Investigations Division with Detective Specialty pay effective September 23, 2019 and Officer Richard Ray be transferred from the Gang Unit to the Criminal Investigation Division and his title shall revert from Master Sergeant back to Sergeant effective September 23, 2019 submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-701)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery C. Smith advising that Inspector Jason Rogers is leaving the employment of the Hammond Fire Department and going on Disability Pension effective September 21, 2019 submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-702)

Correspondence received from Robert Schneider of Antea Group requesting permission to perform work at the intersection of Roxanna Drive and White Oak Avenue from September 26, 2019 and September 27, 2019 submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-703)

Hearing on property located at 242 Doty Street. Property owner appears by Attorney Marco Molina. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said there has been a "Stop Work" order placed as work was being done by the owner. Mr. Prieto then said a contractor has been hired, work can continue and requested this matter be set for status. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for status on November 21, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-704)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7504 Alexander Avenue. Mr. Prieto advised that rental registration was paid timely and requested no action be taken. (Ins. No. 19-705)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 5718 Northcote Avenue. Property owner appears, said he bought the property and rented the property in April of 2019 and came in after the deadline to pay. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration of \$5 per

unit for 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-706)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2946 Janet Place, 6910 Ridgeland Ave., 1111 – 170th St., 920 – 170th St. and 3139 – 163rd Street. Property owner appears by property manager who said all properties were bought in 2018, not rented until 2019 and not paying the rental registration was just discovered. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-707)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 920 Sibley Street. Property owner appears and said he just forgot to pay. Mr. Prieto said there have been no issues at the property. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-708)

Correspondence received from Karen Maravilla of the Downtown Hammond Council requesting the previously approved times for the street closures of Friday, October 4, 2019 be changed from the starting time of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. due to filming schedule taking place there. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-709)

Order to Rescind Orders to Demolish of 1573 Beverly Street submitted for approval. Corporation Counsel, Mr. Kevin Smith, said all repairs have been made. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-710)

Amended Findings of 7225 Southeastern Street submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-711)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for hearing on October 24, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-712)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-713)

Correspondence received from Gallagher Asphalt requesting street closure for 139th Street from Sheffield Avenue to Hohman Avenue for a two-week period starting on Monday, September 30, 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-714)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf received an agreement with Shared Resource Solutions to promote Hammond's bicycle path system at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-715)

Mr. Margraf then received correspondence from Fire Chief Jeffery C. Smith requesting approval of the promotion of Private Philip Scheeringa to the rank of Inspector to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Inspector Jason Rogers. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long.

AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-716)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 18 Elizabeth Street submitted for approval. Mr. Smith said this is for an extension of time. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-717)

Billing Service Agreement with AccuMed Billing, Inc. submitted for approval. Mr. Smith said this is a four (4) year agreement with the City for Fire Department billing. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-718)

Under Matters from Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, requested approval of McGee's Plumbing breaking a section of concrete, on sidewalk only, of an entry way to a storage shed to perform work. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-719)

Under Old Business, rental registration hearing for property located at 422 Locust. Property owner, Ms. Linda Trevino, appears with a deed showing her in title and insurance papers for the property. Ms. Trevino said she does not have a lease, as it is month to month occupancy. Mr. Prieto said Ms. Trevino did not pay 2018 but has paid 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-720)

Correspondence received from Mr. Leon Gamino stating he previously asked for "Resident Only" parking signs that were approved but "No Parking at any Time" signs were placed on 116<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Long asked Mr. Gamino who parks on 116<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Gamino said residents of Amy Street park vehicles there which is why he asked for "Resident Only Parking" on 116<sup>th</sup> Street also. Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter back to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-721)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Ms. Lenette Austin, addressed the Board. Ms. Austin had the packet to submit to INDOT for her church to have a parade on Calumet Avenue and she also requested the date be changed from October 12, 2019 to October 19, 2019. Ms. Austin advised that INDOT will need a letter from the Board indicating traffic control will be provided by the Hammond Police Department. Mr. Long said he would forward this information to Lieutenant Vicari to have this matter resolved by the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. . The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary