BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 3, 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 approve the minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Contract for construction engineering with American Structurepoint, Inc. for the Chicago Street Reconstruction Project – Phase 1. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, advised that this contract is for construction observation, with 80% of the cost being paid with federal money and a 20% local match. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-722)

Supplemental Agreement No. with NIES Engineering, Inc. for the Marquette Greenway Shared Use Path, Des. No. 1382659. Mr. Button said the Marina will pay for this agreement. Corporation Counsel, Mr. Kevin Smith, said that in the future, if a cost overrun is expected, he would like for it to be approved in advance. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-723)

Bid recommendation received from VS Engineering for the 2019 2nd District Lights and Sidewalk Project Midwestern Electric, Inc., lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder, at $625,786.92. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-724)

Correspondence received from Councilman Bill Emerson Sr. requesting $14,088.89 of gaming funds be allocated for French Drains. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-725)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty advising the Hammond Police Department will provide traffic control for the New Community Baptist Church parade to be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019, the transfer of Sergeant Tom LaPosa to the Community Affairs Division and Disposal Authorizations submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-726)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 929 Field Street, 920 Conkey Street, 831 Morris Street, 1131 Morris Street, 4819 Elm Avenue and 5947 – 49 Wallace Road. Property owner appears by daughter who said her mother had a stroke in February of this year and that she has taken care of the properties since then. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said all are one (1) unit, with the exception of a two (2) unit at 4819 Elm Avenue and that the daughter and her

family live at 5947 – 49 Wallace Road. Mr. Prieto then advised there have been no issues at these properties. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2019 and to take no action on 5947 – 49 Wallace Road; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-727)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4721 Hickory Avenue. Ms. Garay said the property owner gave the rental property as his current address. Mr. Prieto said that the property owner lives in Chicago, 3913 West 31st Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60623. Motion by Mr. Margraf to send another hearing date to the Chicago address; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-728)

Letter of Authorization with Qwest Communications Company for long distance calls on various City telephone lines. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-729)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director of Public Works, recommending the installation of "Residential Parking Only" signs on the 1500 block of Amy Avenue. Mr. Leon Gamino addressed the Board. Mr. Gamino thanked the Board for the response time to his request although his neighbors are having a problem with the "No Parking" signs on 116th Street, as now there is nowhere for them to park their additional vehicles. Mr. Prieto said he spoke with Mr. Gary Gleason, Director of Public Works, who said he believed the signage on 116th Street was the best measure. Mr. Long said that he was concerned with so many "Residential Parking Only" spaces on 116th Street with no houses facing the street. Motion by Mr. Margraf to defer this matter; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-730)

Correspondence received from Ms. Susan Eleuterio. NWI Moms Demand Action, permission to hold an event beginning at the parking lot of the Pavilion at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, October 26, 2019 ending by 10:30 a.m. Corporation Counsel, Mr. Kevin C. Smith, said Board approval is necessary for police presence during the rally and walk. Mr. Long said the Police Department will provide assistance. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-731)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-732)

Under Matters from Other Departments/Their Representatives, Mr. Smith said there will be demolition hearings on October 31, 2019.

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Ms. Lenette Austin asked if the Board had any information regarding the paperwork being sent to INDOT regarding the parade she had requested for her church. Mr. Long said that it will be sent today after the 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 9:37 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:_____
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary