

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 24, 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. Margraf to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 10, 2019; Mr. Long concurred. .

Correspondence received from Grimmer Construction, Inc. requesting permission to close 167th Street to install a water main on Monday, October 28, 2019. Mr. Mark Gordish, Engineering Department, said the closure should last approximately four (4) hours to tie in the water services to a new facility. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 19-755)

Right of Way permits submitted by the Engineering Department for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 19-756)

Correspondence received from Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$1,676.18 of gaming funds be allocated for the 2019 Overlay Program. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 19-757)

Correspondence received from Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$27,998.84 of gaming funds be allocated for the 2019 Overlay Program. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 19-758)

Correspondence received from Mayor Thomas McDermott, Jr. requesting \$130,100.00 of the Mayor's Gaming Fund be allocated for the 30% design contract with Beam Longest and Neff LLC for the Little Calumet River Pedestrian Bridge. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 19-759)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the reinstatement of Officers Gregory McGing and David Hornyak as of October 18, 2019 and the termination of Officer Daniel Villagomez effective October 9, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 19-760)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 643 Kane Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, requested the late fee be imposed. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to assess the late fee of \$500 and rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2019; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 19-761)

Status hearing on property located at 227 Chicago Street. Property owner and Attorney Scott Yahne fail to appear. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said he spoke with Attorney Yahne who said he will be withdrawing from this matter. Mr. Kearney said people are coming and going from the property and the property is under a cleanup order. Mr. Kearney requested this matter be continued for one (1) week. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to November 14, 2019; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 19-762)

Participation Agreement with AT&T. Corporation Counsel, Mr. Kevin Smith, said the agreement is for three (3) emergency call boxes on the Wolf Lake bike trail by the Marina. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 19-763)

Order to Rescind Orders to Demolish property located at 6910 – 12 Calumet Avenue. Mr. Smith advised that all repairs have been completed. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 19-764)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 19-765)

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf at 9:20 a.m. to take a ten (10) minute break; Mr. Long concurred.

The meeting resumed at 9:34 a.m. Hearing on Bella, Versailles and Blue being declared dangerous animals.

Mr. Smith advised that he spoke with Ms. Laney Bunner, Hammond Animal Control, and Mr. Alejandro Waggner, owner of Bella, Versailles and Blue during the break. Mr. Smith then Hammond Animal Control has agreed to give Mr. Waggner one (1) week to look into the cost of insurance and having the fence repaired. Mr. Smith then requested the Board continue this matter to October 31, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to October 31, 2019; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 19-766)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf received a bid recommendation from CSK Architects, PC for the Renovations to the City Jail to Gariup Construction, at a cost of \$263,700.00. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 19-767)

Under Matters from Other Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Smith said there will be thirty (30) demolition hearings scheduled for October 31st, as well as the dangerous dog hearing.

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 9:38 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Kevin L. Margraf, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary