

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, Thursday, November 21, 2019, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Ms. Garay - present; Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – absent.

Due to the absence of Mr. Long, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve the minutes of the meeting of the October 17, 2019 and October 24, 2019; Ms. Garay concurred. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred.

Contract with Hawk Enterprises, Inc. for Carolina Avenue – 165th Street to 169th Street and Tennessee Avenue – 163rd Street to 169th Street Lighting Improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-804)

Contract with Midwestern Electric, Inc. for the 2019 2nd District Lighting and Sidewalks Project. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-805)

Contract with Davis Concrete Construction Co. for the Wolf Lake Ribbon Curb -Hamman Court, Maiden Lane, Forsythe Square and Roosevelt Drive. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-806)

Change Order No. 1 received from NIES Engineering, Inc. for the 167th Street Sidewalk Addition Project with an increase in cost of \$20,414.09. Mr. Jonathan Parker, Engineering Department, said he has received approval from the Councilman but the signed green sheet has not yet been signed. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to defer this matter to December 5, 2019; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-807)

Change Order No. 1 received from NIES Engineering, Inc. for the 164th Street Reconstruction Project with a decrease in cost of \$71,951.71. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-808)

Correspondence received from the Engineering Department correcting a contractor's name on a Council funding request. Mr. Parker stated the green sheet, which was approved on November 7, 2019, said the contractor for the 4th District 174th Street – Calumet Avenue to Columbia Avenue – Lighting Project – was incorrectly listed as Hawk Enterprises. Mr. Parker said the correct contractor is Midwestern Electric, Inc. Ms. Garay requested a new green sheet with the correct contractor, Midwestern Electric, Inc., on the Councilman's request. Mr. Parker said he will have a new sheet created. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-809)

Correspondence received from Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting \$43,928.26 of gaming funds be allocated to the 2019 Overlay Program. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-810)

Correspondence received from Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting \$213,702.26 of gaming funds be allocated to the 2019 Overlay Program. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-811)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting Officer Christopher Wadkins be promoted to the rank of 3rd Class Patrolman, effective November 15, 2019, Elias Guido be appointed as a Probationer member of the Hammond Police Department to serve his one (1) year probationary period effective November 14, 2019 and Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-812)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting renewal of the Proposal for the Preparation of Medicaid Ambulance Cost Reports – 2019 -2020 -2021 with Malinowski Consulting, Inc. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-813)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 419 Gostlin Street. Property owner, Ms. *****, appears. Mr. Chris Pajdzik and Mr. Rich Castro, Inspectors, Code Enforcement, appear for the City. Ms. ***** say she bought the property in 2007 as a two (2) unit. Mr. Pajdzik said the property was built as a single family home and in 1998 was converted to an illegal two (2) unit making the store front an additional unit. Ms. Garay asked if it would be possible to convert the property to a legal two (2) unit. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said the property owner would have to have the zoning changed to accommodate a two (2) unit property. Mr. Kearney requested this matter be continued to allow the property owner to obtain estimates to have proper firewalls put in and to inquire if a zoning change is possible. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to December 19, 2019; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-814)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4054 Sheffield Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Pajdzik said there is a non-conforming basement bedroom which was constructed without permits in an area that does not meet ceiling height code. Mr. Pajdzik requested the Board sign the Findings requiring the removal of the basement bedroom. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to sign the Findings; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-815)

Status hearing on property located at 242 Doty Street. Property owner and Attorney Marco Molina fail to appear. Mr. Kearney said he will get in contact with Mr. Molina to determine if the property owner is still being represented. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to December 12, 2019; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-816)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3716 175th Place. Property owner, by Max

Properties Management, fails to appear. Mr. Don Kalina, Inspector, Code Enforcement, said the management company is aware of the fee for rental registration and both 2018 and 2019 have not yet been paid. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to assess the late fee of \$500 for 2018 and \$500 for 2019 and rental registration at \$5 per unit for both 2018 and 2019; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-817)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 6107 – 11 Noble Street. Corporation Counsel, Mr. Kevin Smith, requested the Board approve the Agreement to Rehabilitate. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-818)

Correspondence received from Telecom Services, LCC advising maintenance work for Sprint will be done at 509 Douglas Street. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 19-819)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf received the Senior Choice Medicare Supplemental Plan Renewal contract with MBA/Senior Choice. Mr. Margraf said there are no changes in the benefits or cost. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-820)

Mr. Margraf also received a Resolution appointing Ms. Sharon Szany to the Hammond Plan Commission with a term to expire January 8, 2024. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-821)

Under Old Business, Stop Work Order. Mr. Kearney said he has left numerous messages for Mr. Bill Ciers, brother of property owner, Mr. Brian Ciers, without any response. Mr. Kearney said the hole that was dug by Mr. Ciers is up against the building and has been covered. Mr. Kearney said that Mr. Ciers said that the hole was dug to rake leaves into. Mr. Kearney requested the Board approve a citation being issued to the property owner. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred.

Hearing on dangerous dogs. Ms. Sue Rak, Hammond Animal Control, appears. Mr. Alejandro Waggner appears. Ms. Rak advised that the dog owner would like a thirty (30) day continuance to have a pen put up in his backyard. Mr. Margraf asked how big the pen is going to be. Mr. Waggner said the kennel is big enough to hold one (1) dog a time. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Waggner if he had the dogs insured. Mr. Waggner said he has \$100,000 of insurance but will be unable to get additional insurance if the dogs are declared dangerous. Mr. Smith requested that Mr. Waggner provide his landlord's contract information as well as proof of insurance to Animal Control and to keep the animals muzzled when outdoors. Mr. Waggner asked if the dangerous dog ***** be lifted. Mr. Smith said it is a possibility. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to December 19, 2019 for status; Ms. Garay concurred.

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 9:20 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary