

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2018, 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 of the minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – 3rd District Local Street Project – Waltham Avenue Lighting Improvements – Blaine Avenue to Lewis Street. Bids received as follows:

Hawk Enterprises, Inc.	\$169,079.05
TGB Unlimited	\$145,133.27
Midwestern Electric, Inc.	\$143,657.93

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. 2857)

Bid opening – 1st District Local Street Project – Reese Avenue Lighting Improvements – 119th Street to Indianapolis Boulevard, Dearborn Avenue Lighting Improvements – Gostlin Street to 141st Street. Bids received as follows:

Hawk Enterprises, Inc.	\$455,687.95
TGB Unlimited	\$425,623.34
Midwestern Electric, Inc.	\$387,712.92

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. 2855)

LPA – Consulting Contract, Des. No. 1382659, for Marquette Greenway – Hammond Lake Front Park to State Line – with Nies Engineering. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-081)

Correspondence received from Construction – CAD Solutions, Inc. requesting a time revision to a previously approved permit for work on Summer Street due to changes made to the project. Motion by Mr. Margraf. Seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-082)

Correspondence received from J&J Newell confirming that pricing for the 2018 Sidewalk Program will remain at 2017 cost. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 18-083)

Correspondence received from Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$200,000 of gaming funds be allocated for 6th District Park Projects. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long.

AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-084)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting Specialty Pay, retroactive to October 20, 2017, for Officers Mike Daniels, Ralph Bogie, William Short, Jeffery Long, Anthony Mosier, Rudy Grasha, Patrick Vicari, Christopher Berdine, Robert Tichy, Karl Eidam, Charles Turner, Steven Kellogg, Michael Jordan, Robert Bunner, Amanda Earley, David DeBoer and Jonathan Woods and relinquishment of Specialty Pay to Rob Cobb, Eric Dimos, Lawrence Fallon, Jason Gonzalez, Thomas Grabowski, Gabriel Gutierrez, Steven Guzior, Francisco Herrera, Anthony Hill, Eileen Hinojosa, Shaun Jorsch, Mark Kruse, Joseph Munoz, Paul Maldonado, Carmen Martinez-Ramirez, David Massey, Kerry Newman, Joel Orozco, John Peck, Anthony Pinarski, Ronald Rogers, Ron Rogina, Thomas Sawyer, Billy Shelton, Robert Taylor, Derrick Thompson and David Willoughby, effective February 23, 2018. Mr. Long abstained. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long abstained; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-085)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 4841 Hickory Avenue (1 Unit). Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, advised the property was vacant during the 2017 and requested the Board affirm the Finding regarding the rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-086)

Contract for Demolition Services with Actin Contracting, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$39,620 for the demolition of 1573 Beverly Street, 7217 Harrison Avenue, 7234 Jarnecke Avenue, 7604 Linden Avenue, 7610 Linden Avenue and 7626 Linden Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-087)

Notice to Owners of Affected Property located at 1400 126th Street, 2620 New York Avenue, 2600 New York Avenue, 1400 126th Street, 2400 New York Avenue, 2500 New York Avenue and 1351 126th Street. Ms. Kantar said the City owns the property at these addresses and that the properties will be rezoned. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 18-088)

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 9:15 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Heather Garay, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette

The meeting was reconvened at 9:17 a.m. A roll call was taken: Ms. Garay – present;

Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present.

Mr. George Howard, 936 Conkey Street, apologized for being late to the meeting. Mr. Howard then said he was talked to disrespectfully at the last meeting, was told a hold would be put on any action and it has now gone for demolition bid. Mr. Howard said he now has the deed and very few things need to be repaired.

Ms. Garay said another inspection needs to be done and an Agreement to Rehabilitate signed.

Ms. Kantar advised the property has been vacant for seven (7) to eight (8) years and a stay was put on demolition until December 17, 2017 and it is now February 22, 2018. Ms. Kantar then said an inspection could not be done as Mr. Howard did not hold the deed to the property.

Mr. Howard then said he has a degree in theology, his father and sister are pastors and he does not yell at people.

Mr. Kearney said policy and procedures are the same for everyone in the demolition process and property owners cannot make repairs unless they reside at the property.

Mr. Howard then asked again about the stay on the demolition.

Ms. Garay responded that because there is an active bid on a property does not mean the City will knock the building down.

Mr. Howard said that he understands.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

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By: _____
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary