

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, April 5, 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 defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 29, 2017; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Contract with Beam, Longest and Neff, L.L.C. (Des No. 1500416) - Construction Observation for the new pedestrian bridge over Calumet Avenue and Conkey Street. Ms., Garay said federal money will pay \$416,000 and the City will pay the remaining \$104,000. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18- 201)

Change Order #1 received from VS Engineering, Inc. for the Columbia Park Trail Project with an increase in cost of \$87,712.19 for asphalt quantities and treatment. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18- 202)

Contract with Rieth-Riley for the Hohman Avenue Pavement Reconstruction. Ms. Garay said the total amount of the project is \$929,289.72 with 50% to be paid with federal money. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18- 203)

Contract with Rieth-Riley for the 2018 Hammond Community Crossing Project, Hot In Place Pavement Recycling (HIR) or HMA Milling and Resurfacing of 173rd Street from Indianapolis Boulevard to Indiana Harbor Belt RR. Ms. Garay advised that this contract is a 50/50 split with federal money. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-204)

Correspondence received from Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$21,490.01 of gaming funds be allocated to Change Order #2 for Birch Avenue, Birch Place and 172nd Place lighting improvements and \$31,662.06 from gaming funds to the same change order. Mr. Jonathan Parker, Engineering Department, stated the \$31,662.06 was an incorrect figure. Motion by Mr. Margraf to approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$21,490.01; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-205)

Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$21,490.01 for the Birch Avenue, Birch Place and 172nd Street project for tree removal, concrete removal and curbing. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-206)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John D. Doughty requesting approval of the Petition for Retirement of Sergeant Ronald Rogina effective close of business May 15, 2018, approval for officers to receive CBO Specialty Pay to Sergeant Steven Guzior, Sergeant Robert Taylor and Corporal Gabriel Gutierrez effective March 22, 2018 and requesting Officer Robert Gajewski relinquish CBO Specialty Pay effective April 1, 2018. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded

by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-207)

Correspondence received from Hammond Police Department approving the Hessville Little League parade route, Leon's Triathlon street closures, Hammond Hermits parade request and Disposal Authorization. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-208)

Correspondence received from 2nd District Councilman Pedro Torres requesting transfer of \$50,000 of gaming funds to the 2nd District Park improvements. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-209)

Notice of violation hearing for property located at 233-235 Kenwood Street. Attorney David Weigle and property owner Mr. Richmond appear. Mr. Weigle stated that the repairs for the building are too costly, acknowledged demolition and asked for time to remove vehicles by the end of the month before demolition begins. Motion to affirm Order to Demolish by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-210)

Hearing on property located at 6637 Harrison Avenue. Mr. Weigle and property owner Mr. Lazarian appear. Mr. Weigle states they need more time to have qualified contractors inspect the property as the property owner has called contractors he has not received any call backs yet. Mr. Weigle then said the Building Commissioner said there is a possibility that the property may be turned into a two (2) unit. Inspector, Mr. Nick Farrell, stated this property was built as a single family home, this matter has been pending since August of 2017 and requested this matter be set for a hearing to affirm the removal of the illegal units. Mr. Weigle wants it on record that neither he, nor his client, has said that there are any illegal units that need to be removed or any conversion taken place. Motion by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to May 10, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-211)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4008 Torrence Avenue. Property owner appears, said she was not aware there was a fee and only rented in 2017. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2017; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-212)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6429 Kennedy Avenue and 6431 Kennedy Avenue. Property owner appears, said she used to live in one (1) unit but has moved and did not know rental registration was a yearly fee. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2016 and 2017; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-213)

Correspondence received from Ms. Amy Radolak, President of HC3, requesting street closures to hold their First 5K Color Run on August 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. submitted with route. Motion by Mr. Margraf to approve with Street and Police Department approval; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-214)

Correspondence received from resident Ms. Kacie Krause requesting a "Handicap Child in

Area” sign be placed on the 1300 block of 170th Place. Motion by Mr. Margraf to forward to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-215)

Correspondence received from resident Ms. Betty S. Keith requesting a handicap sign in front of her home on Ash Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf to forward to Public Works seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-216)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set for May 10, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-217)

Correspondence received from Talman Consultants requesting installation of fiber optic cable at 4508 Calumet Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-218)

Correspondence received from Ms. Elvira Martinez, Paws & People, requesting permission to close a section of Interstate Plaza Drive for a fundraiser event. Attorney Kantar states this is private property. Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer to Environmental for any issues regarding the color dust that will be used at the event and Public Work; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-219)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-220)

Ms. Garay recognizes Councilman Pete Torres who attended the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Long. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary