

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 26, 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 April 12, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Correspondence received from Comcast requesting permission to perform work along Michigan Street to service 2204 Michigan Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-261)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at Cleveland Street and Monroe Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-262)

Correspondence received from AT& T requesting permission to perform work at Calumet Avenue and Fayette Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-263)

Correspondence received from AT& T requesting permission to perform work at 1541 173rd Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-264)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at Hickory Avenue and Hoffman Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-265)

Bid recommendation received from SEH of Indiana for the 6th District Local Street Project – Colorado Avenue, Delaware Avenue, Nevada Avenue and New Jersey Avenue Lighting Improvements to low bidder, Hawk Enterprises, Inc. at a cost of \$592,705.30. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-266)

Correspondence received from Earth Explorations, Inc. requesting permission to perform a geotechnical evaluation for the Marquette Greenway, Des. No. 1601145. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-267)

Correspondence received from 2nd District Councilman Pete Torres requesting \$60,000 of gaming funds be allocated for Columbia Park Improvements. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-268)

Plat of Cabela's Gateway Second Edition to the City of Hammond submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-269)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting Nicholas Gould, Cody Baker, Ronald Davidson and Jeremy Sandilla be appointed as Probationer members of the Hammond Police to serve the one (1) year probationary period effective April 17, 2018, approvals of the Old Glory Tavern birthday party on April 28, 2018, First Baptist Church blocking Oakley Street and State Street on April 29, 2018, Boy Scout Clean Up and Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-270)

Resolution Regarding a Lease Purchase Agreement for the Purpose of Financing “License Plate Reader System”. Ms. Garay advised this is the second order of LPR systems and the order will be funded by 2019 funds. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-271)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4226 Wabash Avenue. Property owner has requested this matter be continued for two (2) weeks. Motion by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to May 10, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-272)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6436 Woodward Avenue. Property owner appears, said he was not aware there was a fee for rentals and he just began renting in November of 2017. Code Enforcement Commissioner, Mr. Jaime Prieto, said this is a single family home. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2017 and \$5 per unit for 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-273)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6941 Wicker Avenue and 1644 174th Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Prieto said rental registration was not paid in 2017 for both units. Motion by Mr. Margraf to assess the \$500 late for 2017 and \$5 per unit rental registration; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-274)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7412 Columbia Avenue. Property owner appears, said his puppies destroyed a notebook that had dates of things that needed to be paid and did not received notice it was due. Mr. Prieto said both 2017 and 2018 were not paid. Ms. Garay said there may be some confusion on the property owner’s address. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fees and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2017 and \$5 per unit for 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-275)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set these matters for hearing on June 7, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-276)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 3004 Crane Place. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said the property did not become a rental until after the due date for payment of rental registration. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-277)

Order to Rescind Order to Remove Illegal Units at 4409 Johnson Avenue. Ms. Kantar said

there is a closing on the property set for today. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-278)

Contract for Demolition Services with Gary Material Supply for the demolition of 7602 Linden Avenue at a cost of \$8,500. Ms. Garay said this is one (1) of the Hardest Hit properties. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-279)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-280)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Prieto brought Mr. Barraza who had failed to appear at a rental registration hearing set for March 29, 2018 and had been assessed a late fee for two (2) properties, 7539 Madison Avenue and 937 Becker Street. Mr. Barraza said that he lives at 937 Becker Street and rents 7539 Madison Avenue. Mr. Prieto said only 2017 has not been paid and there are no issues with the property. Motion by Mr. Margraf to rescind the Findings and Decision of March 29, 2018 and waive the late fee for 2017 and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-281)

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 9:20 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary