

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, June 28, 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 the minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2018 and June 21, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – Demolition of 173rd Street (garage only), 1530 – 32 174th Street, 3921 176th Place, 7736 Belmont Avenue, 7616 Birch Avenue, 7627 Birch Avenue, 6910 – 12 Calumet Avenue, 1009 Carroll Street, 7523 – 75 Columbia Avenue, 24 Condit Street, 233 – 35 Kenwood Street, 420 Lewis Street, 7540 Linden Avenue, 7546 Linden Avenue, 7614 Linden Avenue, 7622 Linden Avenue, 6927 McCook Avenue (garage only), 4905 Pine Avenue, 14 – 16 Rimbach Street (2 units), 1258 Sherman Street, 2040 Sherman Street, 2123 Sherman Street, 717 Sibley Street, 972 Wilcox Street, 36 Williams Street and 6435 Woodward Avenue. Bids received as follows:

JM Industrial Services, Inc.	\$197,165 – no bid placed for 7523 – 75 Columbia Avenue and 4905 Pine Avenue
Actin Contracting, LLC	\$295,075 – no bid placed for 7523 – 75 Columbia Avenue
RSR Demolition, LLC	\$282,635 – all properties bid

Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer the bids to the Building Department for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4069)

Correspondence received from Councilman Mark Kalwinski and Mayor McDermott, requesting \$148,260 of gaming funds be allocated for the cost of the Hermits Baseball Park Road. Mr. Jonathan Parker, Engineering Department, advised that the cost will be split evenly at \$75,130 from Councilman Kalwinski and \$75,130 from Mayor McDermott. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-532)

Bid recommendation received from HWC Engineering for the Hermits Park Road Extension to Walsh & Kelly, Inc., the lowest and most responsive and responsible bidder at \$148,260. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-533)

Correspondence received from Meade Electric requesting permission for temporary lane closures on 169th Street from Illinois Avenue to Kentucky Avenue on July 2, 3, 5 and 6, 2018 to finalize repair work. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-534)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty with approval of the 2018 TPAN Ride for AIDS Chicago, a graduation party on the 6900 block of Harrison Avenue, a party on the 3900 block of Johnson Avenue, a 4th of July block party on the 6300 block of California Avenue and Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-535)

Status on property located at 227 Chicago Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said IDEM wants to have borings done and Salyer Plumbing has signed a contract with the owner. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for a status hearing on August 2, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-536)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1716 170th Street, 6115 Noble Avenue and 266 Carroll Street. Attorney James Driscoll appears for the property owner. Mr. Driscoll said there was an accounting error by a bookkeeper, who is no longer employed with Caribou Home Rentals, who wrote the check and voided the check for the payment of rental registration. Mr. Driscoll then said the property located at 266 Carroll Street has been sold and the property owner has 28 other properties in the City and rental registration was paid timely for those properties. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, advised both 2017 and 2018 are unpaid. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for both 2017 and 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-537)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4209 Torrence Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Prieto advised 2016, 2017 and 2018 are all unpaid. Motion by Mr. Margraf to assess one (1) \$500 late fee and rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2016, 2017 and 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-538)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3644 171st Street. Property owner appears, said she was in the hospital this year which is why the rental registration was not paid in time. Mr. Prieto said that 2014, 2015 and 2016 were not paid timely. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-539)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 27 Highland Street. Property owner appears and said when she realized the payment was late she came in to pay. Mr. Prieto said there are no issues with the property. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-540)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 5530, 5538, 5550, 5610, 5618, 5630, 5638, 5650, 5658, 420, 428, 440, 448 Hyles Boulevard, 500, 501, 504, 505, 5710, 5714 Hyles court, 5701, 5705, 5709, 5713, 5715, 5716, 5719, 5720, 501, 505, 508, 512, 516, 519, 520, and 523 Pointe Drive. Property manager of Douglas Pointe Apartments appears and said each address holds a specific number of units. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said the addresses may not represent the total number of units there and asked the property manager to come back before the Board after a complete count of units is reached. Motion by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to

July 12, 2018 and the property manager does not have to appear if the total number of units is submitted; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-541)

Correspondence received from Public Works approving a party on the 3900 block of Johnson Avenue, a graduation party on the 6900 block of Harrison Avenue and a 4th of July party on the 6300 block of California Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-542)

Correspondence received from Kevin's Automotive requesting permission to park U-Haul trucks on Huehn Street against construction barriers, until road construction is complete, due to the lack of access to the business lot from Hohman Avenue with photos. Mr. Kearney said the U-Haul trucks that are parked there do not block access to anything in the area. Motion by Mr. Margraf to approve the request and send notification to the Police Department; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-543)

Correspondence received from Mr. Matthew Wooden requesting permission to hold a block party on July 4, 2018 from 3:00 pm. to 10:00 p.m., with street closure on the 4900 block of Catalpa Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf to send this matter to the Police Department and Public Works; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-544)

Correspondence received from Ms. Carolyn Washington, 7423 White Oak Avenue, requesting permission to have the corner of 174th Place and White Oak Avenue blocked to place a water slide in the street on July 4, 2018. Motion by Mr. Margraf to deny the request due to placement of the water slide; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-545)

Correspondence received from An Open Door Church & Ministries, 7105 Hohman Avenue, advising of their annual Community Outreach weekend, Saturday, July 21, 2018 and Sunday, July 22, 2018. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 18-546)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-547)

Under Matters from Board Members, Ms. Garay received a request from Enviroforensics requesting a right of way permit for offsite work at 837 Hoffman Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf to approve subject to approvals from the Water Department, Hammond Sanitary District and the Sewer Department; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-548)

Mr. Margraf received a request for a rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for hearing on July 26, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-549)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Bill Richman, owner of 233 – 235 Kenwood Street appeared and requested the shared wall to the building next to his be kept up. Mr. Richman said he cannot afford to demolish the building himself and is aware there will be a lien put on the property

for the cost of the demo.

Mr. Dave Kramer, representative of the TPAN ride, requested which departments he needs to contact regarding the route. Mr. Margraf said that Mr. Kramer should contact the Police Department and the Park Department.

Property owner of 7222 Jackson Avenue appears and requested an extension to the Agreement to Rehabilitate. Mr. Kearney said the property had been on the demo list but has expired and the work that has been done was not done professionally. Ms. Kantar advised there are still complaints about this house from people who live on the block. Mr. Kearney said a licensed contractor must do any further work. Ms. Kantar said a signed contract must be presented to the Board by July 12, 2018. Motion by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to July 12, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Mr. Robert Sorge and Ms. Denise Sorge appeared. Mr. Sorge said there are still vehicles parked on State Line Avenue and he believes it may be due to where the curbs have been painted yellow. Mr. Sorge provided photos to the Board. Motion by Mr. Margraf to notify Public Works to paint the curbs yellow on State Line Avenue from Wildwood Road to Detroit Street; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-550)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary