

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2019**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2019, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Ms. Garay – absent; Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present.

Due to the absence of Ms. Garay, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 28, 2019; Mr. Long concurred.

Request for advertising dates of March 21, 2019 and March 28, 2019 with a bid opening date of April 11, 2019 for the 2019 Hammond and Whiting Road Maintenance Program. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Res. No. 4077)

Contract with Walsh & Kelly, Inc. for the 3rd District 164th Place and Alexander Avenue, McCook Avenue to Kennedy Avenue and 165th Street to the Alley North of 164th Place. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-133)

Agreement with Nies Engineering, Inc. for construction observation services in the 3rd District Local Street Project – 164th Place from McCook Avenue to Kennedy Avenue and Alexander Avenue from 165th Street to Alley North of 164th Place at a cost not to exceed \$104,724.00. Recommendation by Mr. Long.; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-134)

Bid recommendation received from Nies Engineering, Inc. for the 2019 Hammond and Whiting Sidewalk Program to low bidder J&J Newell Concrete Contractors, Inc. at a cost of \$426,782.00. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-135)

Bid recommendation received from SEH of Indiana for the 6th District Local Street Project – Alabama Avenue, Rhode Island Avenue and Ohio Avenue Lighting Improvements to Midwestern Electric at a cost of \$563,634.35. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-136)

Proposal for Construction Inspection with Nies Engineering, Inc. for the Indiana Street Drainage Improvement Project at a cost of \$3,816.00. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-137)

Proposal for Construction Inspection with Nies Engineering, Inc. for the Warwick Avenue Drainage Improvement Project and Birch Avenue Drainage Improvement Project at a cost of \$9,016.00. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-138)

Correspondence received from Councilman Pete Torres requesting \$3,816.00 of gaming funds be allocated for improvements on Indiana Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-139)

Correspondence received from Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting \$9,016.00 of gaming funds be allocated for Birch Avenue and Warwick Avenue sewer improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-140)

Correspondence received from Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$318,000.00 of gaming funds be allocated to the 2019 Overlay Program. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-141)

Correspondence received from Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$203,000.00 of gaming funds be allocated to the 2019 Overlay Program. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-142)

Correspondence received from Councilman Bill Emerson, Sr., Councilman Dave Woerpel and Councilman Mark Kalwinski each requesting \$100,000.00 of gaming funds be allocated to the 2019 Sidewalk Repair Program. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-143)

Correspondence received from Councilman Pete Torres, Councilman Anthony Higgs and Councilman Scott Rakos each requesting \$50,000.00 of gaming funds be allocated for the 2019 Sidewalk Repair Program. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-144)

Correspondence received from Mayor Thomas McDermott, Jr. authorizing the allocation of \$18,200.07 of Mayor's 2019 gaming funds for Change Order No. 3 – Hermits Road Improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-145)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the transfer of Officer Edgar Huerta to the Traffic Section as a K-9 handler with specialty pay effective March 24, 2019, correspondence received from Officer Alejandro Alvarez regarding General Order 02-01 and Disposal Authorizations submitted for approval. Mr. Margraf advised that there is another avenue which should be utilized for the correspondence from Officer Alejandro as the Board cannot take any action regarding the same. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve the transfer of Officer Edgar Huerta and Disposal Authorizations; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-146)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7917 Belmont Avenue and 7342 McCook Avenue. Property owner appears by property management company Max Properties who said the property was purchased in May of 2018 and was not aware the previous owners did not register for the years of 2017 and 2018. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, requested the late fee be waived on the two (2) units for 2017 and 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2017 and 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-147)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set these matters for hearing on April 11, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-148)

Release of Lien on property located at 948 Summer Street. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said the lien has been paid. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-149)

Intent to Extend the Terms of the Dowling Park Use Agreement with Purdue University Northwest. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 19-150)

Bid award for the demolition of 2650 162nd Place, 838 Becker Street, 6231 Blaine Avenue, 6733 Calumet Avenue, 1032 Eaton Street, 6126 Harrison Avenue, 5213 Hohman Avenue, 6938 Jackson Avenue and 261 – 63 Webb Street received from Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections to JM Industrial Services, Inc. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-151)

Correspondence received from Mr. Robert Dixon, 7204 Baring Parkway, requesting permission to hold the Baring Parkway Annual 4th of July Parade, beginning at 11:00 a.m., with street closure and Hammond Police and Fire Department support. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-152)

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-153)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf received correspondence from Chief of Police John Doughty regarding a personnel matter. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-154)

Mr. Margraf also received a request from the Hammond Hermits requesting permission to hold an Opening Day Parade, with route, on Saturday, April 27, 2019, with inclement weather date of Saturday, May 4, 2019 and “Residential Parking “along the route be suspended. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-155)

Under Old Business, Finding of Fact and Decision regarding property located at 7332 Oakdale Avenue which states, in part, that the illegal living space violation has been remedied, the present configuration of the room may remain, but not used for habitation. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-156)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Long to adjourn; Mr. Margraf concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin Margraf, Vice President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary