

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2019, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Ms. Garay – present; Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – absent.

Due to the absence of Mr. Long, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 14, 2019; Ms. Garay concurred.

Bid opening – 5th District Lighting Project – Phase 2 – Alexander Avenue from 173rd Street to 169th Street, Marshall Avenue from 173rd Street to 169th Street and 172nd Street from Alexander Avenue to Marshall Avenue. Bids received as follows:

Hawk Enterprises, Inc.	\$343,477.96
Midwestern Electric	\$369,557.91

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; Ms. Garay concurred. (Res. No. 2845)

Correspondence received from Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$563,634.35 of gaming funds be allocated for the construction contract with Midwestern Electric and \$48,600.00 of gaming funds be allocated for the construction engineering agreement with SEH. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-175)

Correspondence received from Mayor Thomas McDermott, Jr. authorizing \$10,000 of Mayors 2019 Gaming Funds be allocated for the Hammond Region Riot. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-176)

Correspondence received from the ICC Group requesting the Hammond Police Department assist with traffic control on March 29, 2019 at 5:00 a.m. while a crane is moved at the Erie Lackawanna Trail over Calumet Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-177)

Correspondence received from Gough, Inc. requesting permission to close Highland Street between Calumet Avenue and Sohl Avenue for five (5) working days. Mr. Margraf said Eaton Street is still closed and Gough, Inc. did not state specific dates for the closure of Highland Street. Mr. Margraf then said this request cannot be approved without further information being supplied. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to deny the request; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-178)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-179)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4927 Beech Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Virgil Key, appears. Mr. Rich Castro, Inspector, Code Enforcement, said there was a second floor apartment, which Mr. Key has had removed. Mr. Castro requested the Board affirm the Findings. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-180)

Correspondence received from Mark & Laura Hruskocy requesting an update on the Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 620 Roosevelt Drive. Chief of Inspections, Mr. Kelly Kearney, said the house is gutted but the front window broke and had to be boarded up. Mr. Kearney said that he will respond to Mark and Laura Hruskocy. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-181)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set these matter for hearing on May 2, 2019; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-182)

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-183)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf received correspondence from 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting \$500,000 of gaming funds be allocated for improvements at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-184)

Mr. Margraf also received an Agreement for Professional Services with SEH of Indiana, LLC for engineering services in the Hessville Downtown Kennedy Avenue Concept Plan for Design at a cost of \$37,500. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 19-185)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Ms. Garay to adjourn; Mr. Margraf concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary