

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, July 18, 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. Long to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred.

Bid recommendation for the Sohl Avenue and Hoffman Street Multi-Use Trail Project received from First Group Engineering, Inc. to Dyer Construction, low bidder at \$372,731.61. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-521)

Correspondence received from Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc. advising of a single full closure on the Indiana Toll Road (ITR) at 112th Street over the ITR Bridge from August 5, 2019 through August 12, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-522)

Change Order No. 1 received from Nies Engineering, Inc. for the 2019 Hammond and Whiting Road Maintenance Program with an increase in cost of \$988.00 for saw cutting. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-523)

Correspondence received requesting permission for Pirtano Construction to install CATV cable on the south right-of-way of the 2300 block of 173rd Street by directional bore. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-524)

Correspondence received from Councilman Dave Woerpel, Councilman Bill Emerson, Sr., Councilman Pete Torres and Councilman Anthony Higgs each requesting \$30,000 of their gaming funds be allocated for the 2019 Road Maintenance Program. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-525)

Correspondence received from Councilman Bill Emerson, Sr. requesting \$10,000 of gaming funds be allocated to the Park Gaming Fund 282 for summer park activities and improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-526)

Correspondence received from Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$30,000 of gaming funds be allocated to the Park Gaming Fund 282 for summer park activities and improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-527)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting Officers Daniel Drudge, Timothy Kreisher, Benjamin Stombaugh, Gregory McGing, Johnathan Woods and Ryan Zurek be promoted to the rank of 1st Class Patrolman effective July 21, 2019, approval of the sale of

old radar units to PB Electronics, Disposal Authorizations and approval of the Beech Avenue Block Party. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-528)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting approval of the appointment of Jack Pufahl, Ryan Tuuk and David Bultema to the Hammond Fire Department effective July 15, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-529)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 830 Morris Street, 1102 May Street and 7138 Harrison Avenue. Property owner appears by Mr. Lester Stokes. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said rental registration had been paid timely until 2019. Mr. Stokes said non-payment was an oversight by the property owner. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-530)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1461 Indianapolis Boulevard. Property owner appears and said he came in four (4) days late to pay as he had been in Florida for months prior. Mr. Prieto said the property owner has had a rental registration hearing in the past. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-531)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1129 Morris Street. Property owner appears and said he thought the due date was April 30, 2019. Mr. Prieto said there are no issues with the property. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-532)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3820 Towle Avenue. Property owner appears. Mr. Prieto said rental registration had been paid timely prior to 2019 and that there are no issues at the property. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-533)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1316 171st Street. Property owner appears and said she just forgot to pay. Mr. Prieto said 2019 rental registration is unpaid and there are no issues at the property. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-534)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1149 Truman Street. Property owner appears, said he was in the process of moving which is why the fee was not paid. Mr. Prieto said there have been no issues at the one (1) unit property. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-535)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 5408 White Oak Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Recommendation by Mr. Long to assess the \$500 late fee and rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-536)

Correspondence received from Mr. Brent Vermeulen requesting a June 27, 2019 rental

registration hearing be reheard as he was out of town on said date. Recommendation by Mr. Long to deny the request; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-537)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 2312 White Oak Avenue. Property owner appears by his brother who said the property has always been used as a single family home, never rented and his brother is in the military. Mr. Christopher Pajdzik, Inspector, Code Enforcement, said there are walls in the basement that could be used as a bedroom and requested this matter be continued. Recommendation by Mr. Long to continue this matter to August 29, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-538)

Correspondence received from the Towle Theater Youth Ensemble requesting permission to hold a car wash fundraiser in the parking lot and alley directly behind the theater, 5205 Hohman Avenue, Saturday, August 3, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-539)

Correspondence received from Lil Lou's Beauty and Barber College, LLC requesting Williams Street between Lyman Avenue to Hohman Avenue be closed from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday, July 28, 2019 for the grand opening of their second location and approval of placing a bounce house on Williams Street during the grand opening. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve the grand opening but deny the bounce house placement on public property; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-540)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-541)

Correspondence received from LTS Managed Technical Services requesting permission to place underground fiber at 142nd Street and 143rd Street between Hohman Avenue and Grover Avenue. Mr. Jonathan Parker, Engineering Department, said the permit has been approved through the Engineering Department. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-542)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set this matter for hearing on September 19, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-543)

Under Matters from Other Board Members/Their Representatives, Mr. Prieto requested permission to place a dumpster in front of 2841 New York Avenue from July 19, 2019 through July 23, 2019 as the home owner was taken by ambulance to the hospital and the medics notified the Inspections Department that there was a hoarding situation in the home. Mr. Prieto then said the home owner's son will be clearing the house out and is in need of the dumpster. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred.

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Long adjourn; Mr. Margraf concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Kevin L. Margraf, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary