

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 21, 2018, 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 June 14, 2018; Mr. Long concurred.

Correspondence received from Mayor Thomas McDermott, Jr. authorizing \$5,200 of Mayors 2018 Gaming Funds to be allocated to Rule 5 Permit for the Pedestrian Bridge over Calumet Avenue and Conkey Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-507)

Supplemental Agreement No. 3 received from Beam Longest and Neff, LLC for additional soil sampling at a cost of \$5,200 for the Calumet Avenue/Conkey Street Bridge project due to rule changes required by INDOT. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-508)

Correspondence received from Councilman Bill Emerson, Sr. requesting \$8,000 of gaming funds be allocated for a design contract with First Group Engineering, Inc. due to an increase in the scope of work to the original contract. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-509)

Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with First Group Engineering, Inc. in an amount of \$8,000 for an increase in the scope of work in the 4th District Street Lighting Project – Van Buren Avenue from Locust Street to Vine Street, Madison Avenue from 169th Street to 165th Street, Woodlawn Avenue from 176th Street to 174th Place and Maplewood from the dead end of the street north and south of 175th Place and 174th Place. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-510)

Correspondence received from Councilman Bill Emerson Sr. requesting \$5,500 of gaming funds be allocated for the installation of French Drains in alleys in the 4th District. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-511)

Correspondence received from Salyer Plumbing, Incorporated requesting permission to block one (1) lane of the 6700 block of Missouri Avenue from Monday, June 18, 2018 through Tuesday, June 19, 2018 to repair the sanitary sewer at 6736 Missouri Avenue. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 18-512)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, advising of his concurrence with INDOT regarding lane restrictions on US20 near Lear Seating on June 18, 2018 for water service taps being done by the Hammond Water Department. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins.

No. 18-513)

Correspondence received from 6th District Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$25,000 of gaming funds be allocated to the Park Gaming Fund 282 for summer activities and improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-514)

Correspondence received from 2nd District Councilman Pete Torres requesting \$20,000 of gaming funds be allocated to the Park Gaming Fund 282 for summer activities and improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-515)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting \$20,000 of gaming funds be allocated to the Park Gaming Fund 282 for summer activities and improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-516)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty with approvals of a block party to be held at 1235 149th Street, June 23, 2018, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., a 4th of July block party on the 6700 and 6800 block of Rhode Island Avenue, Dayspring Ministries request for street closure for their 7th Annual Back to School rally, July 14, 2018 and for an outdoor church service to be held on July 15, 2015 at 910 – 12 State Street, alley closure for a party to be held on July 7, 2018 to be held at 441 139th Street, the Annual 4th of July Parade in Whiting, Indiana and Disposal Authorizations. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-517)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3923 176th Place. Property owner appears. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said 2018 rental registration is due, there are no issues at the property and all prior years have been paid timely. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-518)

Rental registration on property located at 7015 Jackson Avenue. Property owner appears. Mr. Prieto said 2013 through 2018 rental registration has not been paid. Property owner, Ms. Jennifer Stevens, said her ex-husband owned the property during the majority of those years, repairs have been made and the failure for her to pay the fee was not intentional. Recommendation by Mr. Long to assess one (1) \$500 late fee for 2013 and \$5 per unit for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-519)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 922 Summer Street. Property owner appears with an interpreter who said the property owner just forgot to pay. Mr. Prieto said there was a hearing for 2013 – 2014 unpaid rental registration and the property owner was assessed a late fee for both years. Recommendation by Mr. Long to assess the late fee of \$500 and rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-520)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 538 Detroit Street. Property owner appears. Mr. Prieto said there are no problems with this property and 2018 is the only year due. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-521)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6710 New Hampshire Avenue. Property owner appears. Mr. Prieto said Water Department records show no water usage from September of 2015 through March of 2018 and there are no issues with the property. No action taken. (Ins. No. 18-522)

Correspondence received from Mr. Erik Dill regarding rental registration of property located at 6822 Delaware Avenue. Mr. Margraf advised that Mr. Dill is currently in the Navy and requested his military deployment orders be requested from him. No action taken. (Ins. No. 18-523)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set this matter for hearing on July 19, 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-524)

Order to Rescind Orders to Demolish property located at 7619 Linden Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-525)

Sales Order Form to install Comcast at the Hammond Sportsplex for internet access. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-526)

Correspondence received from Ms. Christina D. Santiago requesting permission to hold a block party on July 4, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on the 6300 block of California Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer this matter to the Police Department and Public Works; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-527)

Correspondence received from Mr. Michael T. Babich requesting permission to host a graduation party, with street closures of the corner of 170th Street and Harrison Avenue to the alley, on June 30, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at 6949 Harrison Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer this matter to the Police Department and Public Works; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-528)

Correspondence received from Ms. Cyndi Denys requesting permission for alley closure at Johnson Avenue, behind 3916 Johnson Avenue, to where the alley comes to a "T", July 14, 2018 for a party. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer this matter to the Police Department and Public Works; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-529)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-530)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf received a request from Meade Electric requesting permission to extend closures of 169<sup>th</sup> Street to June 25, 2018 and June 26, 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Long to extend the time to June 25 and 26, 2018 but lanes must be reopened until June 25, 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-531)

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

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary