

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 11, 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 approve the minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2018, September 27, 2018 and October 4, 2018; Mr. Long concurred.

Traffic restriction notification received from INDOT advising the Calumet Avenue bridge over the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad and State Street will be closed on October 12 and 13, 2018 and October 19 and 20, 2018 to pour the deck on the southbound side of the road. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 18-829)

Correspondence received from 2nd District Councilman Pete Torres requesting \$50,000 of gaming funds be allocated for removal/trimming of dead or dying trees in the 2nd District. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-830)

Correspondence received from Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting \$6,300 of gaming funds be allocated for the supervision contract amendment with HWC Engineering in the Hermits Baseball Park Road Improvement Project. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-831)

Correspondence received from HBK Engineering, LLC requesting permission to perform work at Fayette Street and Webster Avenue, Rhode Island Avenue and 177th Street, Michigan Street and Kennedy Avenue, Columbia Avenue and Gostlin Street, 145th Street and Homerlee Avenue, Cherry Street and Columbia Avenue and Kennedy Avenue and 161st Street. Mr. Mark Gordish, Engineering Department, said this work is mandated by the State and the request that includes Homerlee Avenue must be approved by East Chicago also. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-832)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of an officer's name change. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-833)

Sales Order with Comcast to renew a network agreement and to increase bandwidth provided. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-834)

Status on property located at 227 Chicago Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, requested this matter be continued for thirty (30) days. Recommendation by Mr. Long to continue this matter to November 15, 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-835)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6751 Osborne Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Ruben Nodal, appears. Mr. Nodal said he closed on the property on March 27, 2018 and said that he came to pay within the thirty (30) days of renting the property as he was told to by the Inspections Department and when he came to pay he was told he must have a hearing as it was over the thirty (30) day time limit of him owning the property. Mr. Prieto said there was confusion regarding when the rental registration was due and requested no late fee be assessed. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-836)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set these matters for hearing on November 8, 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-837)

Correspondence received from Ms. Jean Iliff requesting the railroad tracks on Columbia Avenue between Summer Street and May Street be repaired. Mr. Gordish said he will contact the railroad regarding the timetable for repairs. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer this matter to the Engineering Department; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-838)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-839)

Correspondence received from Fullerton Engineering Consultants, Inc. requesting permission to install underground fiber optic at 165th Street and Tennessee Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-840)

Mr. Long received a bid recommendation from First Group Engineering, Inc. to low bidder Midwestern Electric, Inc. at \$964,692.50, for the 4th District 2018 Lighting Project. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-841)

Mr. Long then received a bid recommendation from Nies Engineering, Inc. to low bidder Hawk Enterprises, Inc., at \$434,646.79 for the 1st District 141st Street – Grover Avenue to Calumet Avenue and Stanton Avenue – 115th Street to Railroad Street project. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-842)

Mr. Long also received a request from St. Casimir Parish and All Saints Parish to gather for prayer for families, communities, the City of Hammond and our country on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at 5200 Hohman Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 18-843)

Under Matters from Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Prieto advised that there will be an Emergency Demolition hearing held on October 18, 2018 for property located at 1046 Becker Street. Mr. Prieto said the entire east wall of the property fell and he will give the file to Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar to review. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred.

Under Old Business, approval received from the Mayor for placement of signage for Haunting in Hammond. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 18-844)

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 9:17 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Kevin Margraf, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary