

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2019**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, June 27, 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 6, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred.

Correspondence received from A Plus Construction and Plumbing requesting approval to open cut in the alley at 6034 Hohman Avenue to install water service. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-451)

Correspondence received from Ms. Lynnette Fuerst requesting permission to install a concrete service walk in the parkway. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-452)

Correspondence received from Salyer Plumbing, Inc. requesting permission to run new water service to the rear of 1724 Calumet Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-453)

Correspondence received from Salyer Plumbing, Inc. requesting permission to run new water service in the parkway of Colorado Avenue and 175th Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-454)

Correspondence received from Comcast Cable requesting permission to install CATV cable by underground directional boring on the east right of way at Chestnut Avenue and 150th Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-455)

Correspondence received from Comcast Cable requesting permission to install CATV cable by underground directional boring on the south right of way of 173rd Street to the building at 2300 173rd Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-456)

Correspondence received from LTS Managed Technical Services, LLC requesting permission to install underground fiber optic cable on Lake Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-457)

Correspondence received from LTS Managed Technical Services, LLC requesting permission to install underground fiber optic cable on Calumet Avenue. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, added that approved from INDOT will need to be obtained by LTS Managed Technical Services, LLC also. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-458)

Correspondence received from LTS Managed Technical Services, LLC requesting permission to install underground fiber optic cable on 177th Street and Northcote Avenue to Calumet Avenue and River Drive. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-459)

Change Order No. 2 received from First Group Engineering, Inc. for 4th District Lighting with an increase in cost of \$1,648.99, for thermoplastic pavement marking in place of Multicomponent pavement marking on existing asphalt. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-460)

Notification of the start of construction on Route 41. Mr. Button advised this work is being done on south Route 41 by Cabela's. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 19-461)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Police Department approving block parties, Hammond Port Authority fireworks, a Corpus Christi walk and Disposal Authorizations submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-462)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery C. Smith requesting approval of the appointment of Captain to Senior Captain Eric Sanders of Station 4 effective June 17, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-463)

Contract for Demolition Services with JM Industrial Services, Inc. at a cost of \$12,800.00 for the demolition of 905 Lyons Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-464)

Status hearing on property located at 6145 Ray Avenue. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said the contractor has not yet called for a final inspection and requested this matter be continued to July 25, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-465)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6549 Arkansas Avenue. Property owner appears, said his brother was dying during the time the registration was due and he simply forgot to pay. Mr. Kearney said 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. 19-466)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 516 Spruce Street, 617 169th Street, 719 Cherry Street and 4931 Oak Avenue. Property owner appears by his father who said his son is in jet training in Florida and had always paid timely. Mr. Kearney 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. 19-467)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1122 Merrill Street. Property owner appears. Mr. Kearney said there are no issues with the property and rental registration had always been paid timely. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-468)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6405 Kennedy Avenue. Property owner appears. Mr. Kearney said rental registration had been paid timely with the exception of 2019 and 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. 19-469)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6625 Alabama Avenue two (2) units, 6922 Arizona Avenue two (2) units, 2901 Gibson Place two (2) units and 6632 Arizona Avenue one (1) unit. Property owner appears and said she just forgot to pay the rental registration. Mr. Kearney said there had been a hearing in 2014 regarding the same properties. Recommendation by Mr. Long to assess one (1) \$500 late fee and rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-470)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7432 Marshall Avenue. Property owner appears and said that he procrastinated paying the fee which resulted in him having this hearing. Mr. Kearney said there are no issues and registration had been paid timely through 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Long to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-471)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7550 Catalpa Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Kearney advised this hearing is for 2018 rental registration. Recommendation by Mr. Long to assess the late fee of \$500 and rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-472)

Correspondence received from Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting \$31,403.00 of gaming funds be allocated for the Community Crossings 50/50 Program with the City of Whiting for the White Oak Avenue from 127th Street to 129th Street and 121st Street from Atchison Avenue to Indianapolis Boulevard project. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-473)

Correspondence received from Dayspring Ministries, 860 State Street, requesting permission to hold their 8th Annual Back to School Rally on August 3, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with street closure on Maywood Street between Sibley Street and State Street. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-474)

Correspondence received from Ms. Carey Black, 5654 Claude Avenue, Apartment F, requesting permission to hold a block party on the 5600 block of Claude Avenue, Saturday, July 13, 2019 beginning at noon with street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-475)

Correspondence received from Reverend Santiago Gamez requesting a NIPSCO light be installed at the south end of the 5200 block of Ann Avenue. Reverend Gamez and 2<sup>nd</sup> District Councilman Pete Torres appeared. Reverend Gamez said he had a break in at his house and it is very dark as there are no street lights by his house. Councilman Torres said he has written to NIPSCO regarding the lighting problem but he has never received a response. Recommendation by Mr. Long

to contact NIPSCO regarding the street lighting; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-476)

Correspondence from Mr. Kyle Wayner, 20 Kenwood Street, requesting permission to hold a block party on August 14, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-477)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-478)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Margraf advised the signage for the American Veteran's Motorcycle Riders 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rock the Vets event will not be allowed to post the sign for it, as it is not a City sponsored event. (Ins. No. 19-479)

Mr. Margraf also received disciplinary matters from the Hammond Police Department. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 19-480)

Correspondence received from Ms. Charmaine Pereira, 7107 Baring Parkway, requesting a "lift" for June 29, 2019 to allow guests to attend a function at her home. Recommendation by Mr. Long to deny the request as there may not be enough room for emergency vehicles to pass with parking on both sides of the street; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-481)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Councilman Torres thanked the Board for approving the Corpus Christi procession.

Councilman Torres then requested NIPSCO lights be installed on the north side of the alley in the 1100 block of Chicago Street and in the west alley on the north side of the 4700 block of Torrence Avenue. Mr. Margraf said correspondence will be sent to NIPSCO regarding this request.

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Long adjourn; Mr. Margraf concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary