

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2019, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Ms. Garay - present; Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – present.

Motion by Mr. Margraf to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 11, 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Contract with Dyer Construction Company, Inc. for the Sohl Avenue and Hoffman Street Multi-Use Trail Project from 700 feet North of the Grand Calumet River along Sohl Avenue to Torrence Avenue. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, said this is Phase 2 of the Mayor’s Trail and the Sanitary District is paying the cost. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-572)

Supplemental Agreement No. 1 received from First Group Engineering, Inc. for general engineering services at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00. Ms. Garay advised this will come out of the City wide engineering account. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-573)

Correspondence received from American Surveying & Engineering, PC requesting permission to perform utility exposures on the north side of Russell Street next to the railroad tracks. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-574)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-575)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting approval of the promotion of EMT-2P Ramos to the rank of EMT-1P and the promotion of Private Noto to the rank of EMT-2P both effective July 29, 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-576)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4316 Dearborn Avenue. Property owner appears. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said there are no issues at this property and 2019 is owing. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-577)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1466 Truman Street. Property owner appears. Mr. Prieto said the late fee was waived in 2015 and there are no issues at the property. Motion by Mr. Margraf to assess the late fee of \$500 and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-578)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7115 McCook Avenue. Property owner

fails to appear. Mr. Prieto said there was a fire at this property this year, permits were pulled and there repairs are complete. Motion by Mr. Margraf to assess the late fee of \$500 and rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-579)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6640 Illinois Avenue. Property owner appears by his daughter. Mr. Prieto said there was a judgment for the late fee in 2013, 2018 and 2019 rental registration is currently unpaid and there are no issues at the property. Motion by Mr. Margraf to assess the late fee of \$500 and rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2018 and 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-580)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 25 Doty Street and 45 Condit Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Prieto advised that the late fee was waived for both properties in 2014. Motion by Mr. Margraf to assess the late fee of \$500 for each property and rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-581)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6349 Parrish Avenue. Property owner appears. Mr. Prieto said rental registration hearings were held in 2010, with late fee waived and 2013 where late fee was assessed. Mr. Bednar said he was going through a divorce and payment slipped his mind. Motion by Mr. Margraf to assess the late fee of \$500 and rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-582)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4820 Columbia Avenue. Property owner appears. Mr. Prieto said rental registration has been paid timely in the past and there are no issues at the property. Motion by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2019; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-583)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1938 Davis Avenue. Property owner appears and requested additional time to make repairs. Mr. Christopher Pajczik, Inspector, Code Enforcement, said there are two (2) basement bedrooms which need to be removed and requested the Board affirm the Findings regarding the property. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-584)

Right of Way Permit Forms for work to be done at 6043 Hohman Avenue, 2308 165th Street, 7051 Arizona Avenue, 516 Chicago Street, 10 Lawndale Street, McCook Avenue and 161st Street, Kennedy Avenue at I-90, McCook Avenue and 173rd Street and McCook Avenue and 166th Street submitted for approval. Mr. Jonathan Parker, Engineering Department, advised that the Engineering Department has reviewed and approved the work being done. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-585)

Receipt of recorded vacation of a 9 foot portion of alley north of Roselawn Street – 9 Roselawn Street, 6941 State Line Avenue and 15 Roselawn Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-586)

Correspondence received from Mr. John Vezmar, Beatles Music Fest and the new Cold Roses Fest, requesting the use of picnic tables, garbage cans, barricades, fencing panels, sandbags, folding chairs and tables, for the fest on Friday, August 9 and 10, 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-587)

Correspondence received from the Downtown Hammond Council requesting street closure, alley closure, no street parking and permission to place signs at City entrances for the 5th Annual Arts on the Ave, Saturday, August 31, 2019. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-588)

Correspondence received requesting street closure of the 1000 block of Morris Street, Saturday, August 10, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a block yard sale. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-589)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-590)

Under Old Business, approval of the request received from Mr. Tyson Bowers, 6347 New Hampshire Avenue, to place a 20' container on the street in front of his home. Mr. Long said he spoke with Mr. Bowers and the container will be placed for three (3) to four (4) days. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-591)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Ms. Katrina Alexander, 1015 Moss Street, requested permission to hold a block party on August 24, 2019 on the 1000 block of Moss Street from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with street closure. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 19-592)

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary