

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2021. A roll call was taken: Mr. Margraf – absent; Mr. Long – present; Mr. Perez – present.

Due to the absence of Mr. Margraf, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Long to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 29, 2021; Mr. Perez concurred.

Under Matters from Department Heads/Their Representative, Mr. Kevin Smith, Corporation Counsel, received a request from Kaplan's Fireworks for a Business License hearing and requested it be set for June 24, 2021 and the Controller be notified.

Correspondence received from HWC Engineering with a bid recommendation for the 5th District Lighting Project – Arkansas Avenue, California Avenue and Colorado Avenue – 175th Street to 173rd Street to the lowest most responsive and responsible bidder Midwestern Electric at a bid of \$449,754.70. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-353)

Correspondence received from 4th District Councilman William Emerson Sr. requesting \$70,000.00 of gaming funds be allocated for tree removal in the 4th District. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-354)

Correspondence received from 6th District Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$75,000.00 of gaming funds be allocated for tree removal and park improvements in the 6th District. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-355)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police William A. Short granting permission for the Marian Pilgrimage to be escorted through the City of Hammond on Saturday and Sunday, August 7th and 8th, 2021. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-356)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set these matters for hearing on July 29, 2021; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-357)

Correspondence received from HC3 requesting assistance in installing signs at City of Hammond entrances promoting Live in the Ville. Mr. Kevin Smith, Corporation Counsel, advised Public Works cannot assist in the installation of the signs. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve placement of the signs only; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-358)

Correspondence received from O'Bannon School requesting the removal of a portion of yellow curbs in the crosswalk to bus parking and in front of the fence by the soccer field to assist with dismissal pick-ups. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer this matter to the Engineering Department; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-359)

Correspondence received from Mr. Ata Musleh, 6350 Kennedy Avenue, requesting a "No Parking" sign to be placed on the corner of Kennedy Avenue and Cleveland Street to deter vehicles from parking on City property. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer this matter to the Engineering Department; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-360)

Correspondence received from residents of the 1100 block of 167th Street requesting permission to hold a block party, with signed petition from neighbors, and requesting street closure on July 4, 2021. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-361)

Correspondence received from residents of the 200 block of Doty Street requesting permission to hold a block party on July 4, 2021 with street closure. Mr. Rich Castro, a resident of Doty Street, said it is a tradition to hold the party on the 4th of July. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-362)

Correspondence received from the residents of the 1800 block of Warwick Avenue requesting permission to hold a block party on July 4, 2021 with street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-363)

Correspondence received from the 4100 block of Wabash Avenue requesting permission to hold a block party on July 4, 2021 with street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-364)

Correspondence received from Kushia Wayne, 840 Bauer Street, requesting permission to hold a birthday party on Sunday, June 27, 2021 with street closure from Rhodes Avenue to Bauer Street and Rhodes Avenue to Becker Street with a bounce house and water slide. Mr. Margraf advised the bounce house and water slide cannot be placed on any City right of way or property and can only be placed on private property. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve subject to having the bounce house and water slide on private property; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-365)

Correspondence received from Pierogi Fest requesting parking be banned along the parade route from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, July 23, 2021 with notice being posted a day prior and large enough to be noticed. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-366)

Correspondence received from Mr. Kyle Wayner, 20 Kenwood Street, requesting permission to hold a block party on Monday, August 9, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. . Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-367)

Under New Business, rental registration hearing on property located at 3837 Oak Crest Lane, 7150 Southeastern Avenue, 6602 Colorado Avenue, 257 Locust Street and 6257 Hohman Avenue. Mr. Nick Farrell, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, spoke with the property owner's attorney, Mr. Robert Sorge, who requested additional time prior to the hearing. Recommendation by Mr. Long to continue this matter to July 8, 2021; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-368)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 409 Vine Street. Mr. Smith said he has reviewed the agreement and requested the Board approve the same. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-369)

Right of Way Permits submitted for approval by the Engineering Department. Mr. Mark Gordish, Engineering Department, asked if Hoosierland was listed as the contractor in any of the permits as the company is working without a permit or bond. Mr. Long said that Hoosierland is not listed as the contractor in any of the permits today. Recommendation by Mr. Long to approve the Right of Way Permits; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-370)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-371)

Under Old Business, request received to have a rental registration hearing on property located at 7114 – 7116 Hohman Avenue that was missed by the property owner reheard. Recommendation by Mr. Long to deny the request; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-372)

Request for alley closure at Northgate Church, 2820 165th Street, June 20 and 27, 2021 and July 4 and 11, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-373)

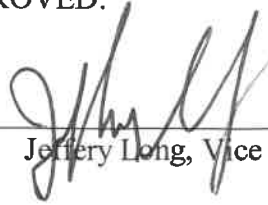
Request received for a two (2) week extension for pod placement at 7412 Magoun Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-374)

Request received from Mr. Chris Pajdzik, Inspector, Inspections Department, to continue the hand rail issue at 2023 Davis Avenue to July 1, 2021. Mr. Rich Castro, Inspector, Code Enforcement, requested this matter to July 1, 2021 as Mr. Pajdzik has not yet notified the property owner. Recommendation by Mr. Long to continue this matter to July 1, 2021; Mr. Perez concurred. (Ins. No. 21-375)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Long to adjourn; Mr. Perez concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:



Jeffery Long, Vice President

ATTEST:



Linda Norville-Moles