

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 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 March 14, 2019; Mr. Long concurred.

Bid opening – 3rd District Local Street Project – 167th Street North Sidewalk Addition – Indianapolis Boulevard to Woodmar Avenue. Bids received as follows:

Walsh & Kelly, Inc.	\$189,635.69
J&J Newell Concrete Contractors, Inc.	\$190,666.07
Davis Concrete Construction Company	\$191,127.71
Grimmer Construction, Inc.	\$188,934.36
Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$202,572.29

Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Res. No. 2857)

Right-of-Way Engineering and Acquisition Agreement, Des. No. 1601145, Marquette Greenway, with First Group Engineering. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, said this is an INDOT project and the City will be responsible for 20% of the total cost of \$116,590.00 with the State paying the remaining 80%. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-157)

Supplemental Agreement No. 1 – Preliminary Engineering – Multi-Use Trail from Hoffman Street to Baltimore Avenue – with First Group Engineering. Mr. Button said this agreement changes negotiated hourly rates but does not change the cost. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-158)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, advising the bridge work on Calumet Avenue over the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad will resume on Monday, March 25, 2019. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 19-159)

Correspondence received from OCM Group requesting approval to install fiber network at 5454 Hohman Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-160)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of Department General Order 19-3, Pre-Booking Report Form, the promotion of Officer Roger Cardwell to the rank of Captain, with pay adjustment effective March 19, 2019, the appointment of

Benjamin Daniels as a Probationer member of the Hammond Police Department, Officer Jose Burgos receipt of Spanish Speaking Officer Specialty Pay, effective March 13, 2019 and the promotion of Officers Tracy Betustak and Michael Schmidt to the rank of Master Sergeant, effective March 20, 2019 with Specialty Pay. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-161)

Status hearing on property located at 242 Doty Street. Attorney Marco Molina appeared for the property owner. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, advised an inspection has been completed and the property owner will sign an Agreement to Rehabilitate. Mr. Kearney then requested this matter be set for status. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set this matter for status on May 23, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-162)

Notice of Violation on property located at 1339 Indiana Street. Property owner appears with his son who speaks for him. Mr. Rich Castro, Inspector, Code Enforcement, said the Board of Public Works & Safety ordered the basement apartment in this property be removed but due to a recent police call it was found the apartment had not been removed. The property owner, by his son, said he is in the process of obtaining quotes for the removal of the basement apartments. Mr. Castro requested the Board affirm the Findings for the removal of the basement apartments. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-163)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 6231 Blaine Street. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, advised the property has been sold and a new owner wishes to make repairs. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-164)

Order to Rescind Orders to Demolish property located at 7051 Arizona Avenue. Ms. Kantar said this property had been a canker on the block but now all repairs have been made. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-165)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Mr. Long to set these matters for hearing on April 25, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-166)

Agreement to Defer Building Permit Fees on property located at 2828 J.F. Mahoney Drive. Ms. Kantar said Kube Sports Complex, LLC will be building a hockey complex and has requested the permit fees be paid at a later date. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-167)

Commercial Security Agreement with Vermillion Systems, Inc. Ms. Kantar said the agreement is for installation only of a security system at City Hall. Mr. Margraf advised the cost of the agreement is \$37,140.00. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-168)

Correspondence received from Mrs. Anita Cox, Northwest Indiana Coalition for Public Education, requesting permission to hold a rally in front of City Hall and a March to the Hammond Civic Center, Sunday, May 19, 2019. A spokeswoman for the coalition appeared and said parental involvement with students is of the utmost importance as is quality education and not political.

Mr. Margraf requested this matter be deferred to April 4, 2019 to allow time for submission of a map detailing a route. Recommendation by Mr. Long to defer this matter to April 4, 2019; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-169)

Correspondence received from the Downtown Hammond Council requesting permission to post signs beginning Monday, March 25, 2019 at entrances to the City for their 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, April 20, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer this request to the Mayor's Office for review; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-170)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, requesting lane restrictions and street closures for the 3rd Annual Region Riot Criterium, Saturday, May 11, 2019. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-171)

Vacation of the Roselawn Street Alley. Mr. Jonathan Parker, Engineering Department, said all utilities have been contacted and have no interest in the vacation and Mr. Brian Poland, City Planner, has reviewed and found no objection. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-172)

Under Mattes from Board members, Mr. Margraf received a bid recommendation for Alley Drainage French Drain bids from Nies Engineering, Inc. Bids received as follows:

B&D Sewer Services	\$ 96,600.00
Salyer Plumbing	\$104,925.00
Gatlin Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	\$110,250.00
Hasse Construction	\$129,000.00
Grimmer Construction	\$129,555.00
Rex Construction, Inc.	\$145,050.00

Recommendation by Mr. Long to award the French Drain Project to B&D Sewer Services, low bidder; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 19-173)

Mr. Margraf also received correspondence from the Hammond Police Department regarding a personnel matter. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Long concurred. (Ins. No. 19-174)

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 9:38 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Kevin L. Margraf, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary