

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, October 25, 2018, 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 defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 18, 2018, seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – Police Garage Project. Bids received as follows:

Hasse Construction Co., Inc.	\$262,500
Gariup Construction Co., Inc.	\$317,500
Gough, Inc.	\$308,000

Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer the bids to the Engineering Department for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4071)

Supplemental Agreement No. 4 with Nies Engineering for additional engineering services in the amount of \$2,964.00. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, said the supplemental agreement is for additional funding for work on Warwick Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-866)

Correspondence from NIPSCO requesting road closure of 136th Street and extending east to Sheffield Avenue from October 22, 2018 through November 9, 2018 to complete a tie in of an existing gas main. Mr. Button advised that he gave verbal approval last week for NIPSCO to begin the closure on Monday October 22, 2018. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-867)

Correspondence received from Geeding Construction, Inc. requesting the intersection of Hoffman Street and White Oak Avenue be closed for pipeline repair lasting approximately three (3) weeks. Mr. Button said Engineering is coordinating with the Water Department on this request and a conference call with Geeding Construction, Ins. is scheduled for the week of October 29, 2018. Motion by Mr. Margraf to approve the request subject to a coordinated dates with Engineering; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-868)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work in the alley west of Indianapolis Boulevard at 170th Street and 5028 Columbia Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-869)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-870)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting approval of the promotion

of Battalion Chief Steve Brezinski to the rank of Assistant Chief, the reassignment of Mike Wimmer to the Inspection Bureau and the promotion of Private Bernard Grisolia to the rank of Battalion Chief. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-871)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director of Public Works, requesting approval of posting “Residential Parking Only” signs on the 7100 block of Alexander Avenue and “Hearing Impaired Child” signs on McCook Avenue and 162nd Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-872)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6755 Indianapolis Boulevard. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, requested this matter be sent to Smith Sersic for collection. Motion by Mr. Margraf to send this matter to Smith Sersic for collection; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-873)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set these matters for hearing on November 29, 2018; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-874)

Contract for Demolition Services with Actin Contracting, LLC for the demolition of 7601 Golfway Court, 7620 Golfway Court, 1317 Michigan Street and 6145 Ray Avenue at a total cost of \$23,790.00. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-875)

Proposed License Agreement Renewal with St. John – Mittelhauser & Associates for property located at 664 State Street. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-876)

Vision Service Plan (VSP) Contract Renewal. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-877)

Order to Rescind Orders to Demolish on property located at 704 Willow Court. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said all inspections have been passed. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-878)

Correspondence received from the Housing Authority requesting specific vehicles be exchanged between the Hammond Police Department and the Hammond Housing Authority. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-879)

Equipment Removal/Buyout Authorization with Impact Networking, LLC. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-880)

Correspondence received from Ms. Marilyn Sancya requesting signage be placed on the 6300 block of Tennessee Avenue to slow traffic due to the number of children living on the block.

Motion by Mr. Margraf to refer this to the Engineering Department; seconded by Mr. Long. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-881)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Mr. Long. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 18-882)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Long received a disciplinary action from the Hammond Fire Department. Mr. Margraf abstained from the vote. Recommendation by Mr. Long; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-883)

Mr. Margraf received a disciplinary matter from the Hammond Police Department. Mr. Long abstained from the vote. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-884)

Under Matters from Other Department Heads/Their Representatives, Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, received two (2) bids for the demolition of property located at 1046 Becker Street. Bids received as follows:

Actin Contracting, LLC	\$9,000.00
JM Industrial Service, Inc.	\$5,400.00

Motion by Recommendation by Mr. Long to refer the bids to the Building Department; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-885)

Ms. Garay then wished Mr. Kearney Happy Birthday.

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs addressed the Board. Mr. Higgs said he was happy 1046 Becker Street will be demolished. Mr. Higgs then advised the Board that he will be going to a School Board meeting to determine if Erie Avenue will be affected by the new high school being built and that he will withhold the green sheet authorizing the transfer of gaming funds until that time. Mr. Higgs then requested 1114 Eaton Street be demolished. Mr. Kearney said the property was just inspected yesterday.

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 9:27 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Heather Garay, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary