

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 1, 2018, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Ms. Garay - present; Mr. Margraf – present; Mr. Long – absent.

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

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 25, 2018, Ms. Garay concurred.

Supplemental Agreement #1 with First Group Engineering for design services for the Bike Trail from IHB Trail to the Grand Marquette Trail at Baltimore Avenue and 142nd Street at a cost of \$28,000. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-886)

Correspondence received from 1st District Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting \$14,027.50 of gaming funds be transferred for Hermits Improvement Change Order #2. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-887)

Correspondence received from HWC Engineering requesting approval of the time extension Change Order #2 from Walsh & Kelly for the Hermits Park Road Extension project. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-888)

Correspondence received from 2nd District Councilman Pete Torres requesting \$2,656.00 of gaming funds to be transferred for engineering services with Nies Engineering. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-889)

Supplemental Agreement No. 5 with Nies Engineering, Inc. for professional engineering services for various drainage issues, alley, paving, or sidewalk projects at a cost not to exceed \$2,656.00. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-890)

Extension of existing Annual Paving Contract from 2018 through 2018 with Walsh & Kelly, Inc. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-891)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the resignations of Correctional Officers Dana Jeffries and Katherine McCarthy and Officer Jason Gonzalez effective Friday, October 26, 2018. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-892)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith recommending the following promotions and reassignments within the Hammond Fire Department all effective November 5, 2018: Captain Philip Kotlowski be promoted to the rank of Senior Captain, Engineer Scott Sieman be promoted to the rank of Captain, Assistant Engineer Michael Maynard to be promoted to the rank of Engineer, EMT-2 Collin Andrisko be promoted to the rank of EMT-1, EMT-2P Anthony Smith be

promoted to rank of EMT-1P, EMT-2P Michael Kearney be promoted to the rank of EMT-1P, Private Nichloes Richards be promoted to the rank of EMT-2, Private Aaron Arroyo be promoted to the rank of EMT-2P, Private Alex Berdine be promoted to the rank of EMT-2, Private Cody Hartline be promoted to the rank of EMT-2, Private Sylvester Davis be promoted to the rank of EMT-2, Private Anthony Santucci be promoted to the rank of EMT-2, Senior Captain Thomas L. Zerkel will be reassigned, per his request, to the rank of Captain, EMT-1P Danny Misiak be reassigned, per his request, to the rank of Private-P, EMT-1 Sam Mijares be reassigned, per his request, to the rank of Private, EMT-2 Alexander Zielinski be reassigned, per his request, to the rank of Private, EMT-2 Anthony Janiga be reassigned, per his request, to the rank of Private, EMT-2 Eric Mays be reassigned, per his request, to the rank of Private, EMT-2 Ryan Balko be reassigned, per his request, to the rank of Private and EMT-1 Tristan Petry be reassigned, per his request, to the rank of EMT-2. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-893)

Mr. Margraf thanked Ms. Garay for reading the verbose request from the Fire Department.

Bid recommendation received from Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, requesting JM Industrial Services, Inc., low bidder, be awarded the emergency demolition for the property located at 1046 Becker St. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-894)

Bid recommendation received from Mr. Dean Button requesting the contract for the Police Garage Project be awarded to the lowest, most responsive, responsible bidder Hasse Construction Company at a cost of \$262,500. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-895)

Public hearing regarding the Blight Elimination Program regarding the properties located at 5603 Calumet Avenue and 1114 Eaton Street. Attorney Nicole Bennett, representing both HRG and UNI, appears and asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to speak. There being no response, the public hearing was closed. (Ins. No. 18-896)

Contract for Demolition Services with JM Industrial Services for properties located at 1329 170th Street, 818 Bauer Street, 5603 Calumet Avenue, 6241 Calumet Avenue, 242 Doty Street, 1114 Eaton Street (house & garage), 6412 Euclid Avenue, 411 Hoffman Street (2 buildings), 6020 Hohman Avenue, 7550 Linden Avenue, 7150 Oakdale Avenue, 4938 Pine Avenue, 19 Waltham Street and 7030 Woodlawn Avenue (garage) at a cost not to exceed \$160,050. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-897)

Correspondence received from Seeclifix regarding a previously submitted request for the need for traffic light at Wicker and 173rd and requesting data to suggest to the contrary. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to the City Engineer, Mr. Dean Button; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-898)

Correspondence received from OCM Group requesting permission to install fiber optic conduit on 173<sup>rd</sup> Street and Harrison Avenue to 175<sup>th</sup> Street and Harrison Avenue, Northcote Avenue and 175<sup>th</sup> Street continuing south to the Hammond/Munster line and Hohman Avenue and 173<sup>rd</sup> Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-899)

Correspondence received from HBK Engineering requesting permission to install fiber optic cable at 2400 New York Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-900)

Disposal Authorizations submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-901)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for hearing on December 6, 2018; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-902)

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-903)

Correspondence received from Mr. David Bensinger, Jr., 1413 Oriole Drive, Munster, requesting permission to obtain the flagpole from the old Fire Station on 165<sup>th</sup> Street for display at his home. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer this to Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, as the property will be used as a substation for Public Works; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-904)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Margraf received a request from the Indiana Democratic Party requesting use of the municipal parking lot across the street from 232 Russell Street to distribute tickets for an event being held this weekend and also to encourage early voting. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve the use of the parking lot; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 18-905)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Anthony Monocchio and Mr. Kyle Granewald, students of Purdue University Northwest, appeared before the Board and requested permission to set up video equipment at the corner of 169<sup>th</sup> Street and Kennedy Avenue to collect traffic data for their senior project. Mr. Mark Gordish, Engineering Department, said the students will meet in Engineering today. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve placement of the video equipment; Ms. Garay concurred.

Ms. Garay said that Captain Long, as well as other Police Department members, are being honored this morning.

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:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary