

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
AUGUST 29, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:02 a.m., in Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Lendi – present; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Smith – present.

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve the minutes of the meetings of July 11, 2013, July 18, 2013, July 25, 2013, August 1, 2013, August 8, 2013 and August 15, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – Demolition of 5506 Alice Avenue, 1426 Amy Street, 5535 Beall Avenue, 5612 Beall Avenue, 5653 Claude Avenue, 4908 Columbia Avenue, 823 Dracker Street, 1004 Kenwood Street, 4 Locust Street, 7419 Madison Avenue, 918 Michigan Street, 1724 Michigan Street, 855 Sibley Street, 1169 Sibley Street, 5661 Sohl Avenue – Rear House Only, 5415 Tell Avenue, 845 Truman Street, 5659 Walter Avenue, 4404 Towle Avenue and 4504 Towle Avenue. Bids received as follows:

JM Industrial Services, Inc.	\$143,500
Actin/TRI	\$263,200
Gary Material	\$227,900

Mr. Dostatni advised there was no bid bond included in any bid. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer the bids to the Building Department for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 3095)

Request for bid dates of September 5, 2013 and September 12, 2013 with a bid opening date of September 26, 2013 for the Monon Bike Trail and Bridge Project. Mr. Dostatni advised this trail will go over the Little Calumet River. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 3096)

Agreement with First Group Engineering, Inc. for construction engineering services - Wolf Lake Trail – Forsyth Park to Illinois State Line. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-819)

Change Order No. 10 for the reconstruction of Columbia Avenue – Michigan Street to Chicago Street – received from First Group Engineering. Mr. Dostatni advised the City’s share in the cost of the replacement of fencing, due to a grade change, is \$1,804 as this is a federally funded project. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-820)

Change Order No. 3 and 4 received from American Structurepoint, Inc. for 169th Street. Mr.

Dostatni stated Change Order No. 3 is for the addition of detour signs and Change Order No. 4 if for the relation of pedestrian signal heads. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-821)

Consent to Assignment of Contracts to CHA Consulting, Inc. from RW Armstrong & Associates, Inc. submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-822)

Correspondence received from the Engineering Department requesting a tree on 7223 McCook Avenue, on City right of way, be removed by the Park Department. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Park Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-823)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 6944 Parrish Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-824)

Order for Centrex Service submitted for approval. Mr. Lendi advised this is for telephone service for the City. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-825)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police Brian Miller requesting approval of the relinquishment of Specialty Pay to Officers Gutierrez and Laposa and the approval to accept applications for the hiring of Police Officer candidates, September 1, 2013 through September 13, 2013. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-826)

Correspondence received from Mr. Manual Carr requesting a hearing regarding the denial of an Auto Dealer license. Motion by Mr. Smith to set this matter for hearing on September 26, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-827)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings on property located at 7030 Tapper Avenue, 1943 Superior Avenue, 7609 Alexander Avenue, 6314 Monroe Avenue and 937 Logan Street. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for hearing on September 19, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-828)

Correspondence received from Mr. John Powers requesting additional time to install or repair fire separation at 1162 May Street. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said this building was originally built as a two (2) unit and is now a four (4) unit needing additional fire separation. Motion by Mr. Smith to grant an additional thirty (30) days; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-829)

Correspondence received from Attorney David Saks advising that he is withdrawing his appearance for Mr. Eliseo Carlos, 1020 Highland Street. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 13-830)

Correspondence received from Attorney Daniel R. Zajac advising that he is withdrawing his appearance for Mr. Robert Jansma, 6519 Jackson Avenue. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 13-831)

Correspondence received from Attorney Robert Sorge advising that he is withdrawing his appearance for Mr. Marco Tamayo, 4618 Oak Avenue. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 13-832)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 640 Willow Court. Property owner, Ms. Larrice L. Carpenter, fails to appear. Mr. Kurt Koch, Commissioner, Building Department, appeared and requested an emergency demolition due to the condition of the building. Mr. Koch then gave the Board photographs of the building which was involved in a fire. Mr. Koch then said he has received an estimate of \$8,800 for the demolition of the building from JM Industrial Services, Inc. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve the emergency demolition; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-833)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 6717 Alexander Avenue. A representative of Xochitl Rentals, LLC appears. Ms. Gloria Mabry, Inspector, Inspections Department, appears. Ms. Mabry advised that there is an illegal basement apartment at this property and the property owner has agreed to remove it. Ms. Mabry then requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order requiring the removal of the basement apartment. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-834)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 2917 Cleveland Street. Property owner, Ms. Margarito Jiminez, appears. Ms. Mabry state that Ms. Jiminez has agreed to remove the illegal basement apartment and requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Findings and Order requiring the removal of the illegal basement apartment; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-835)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 4835 Oak Avenue and Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 207 Southmoor Road submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve both Agreements; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-836)

Request for an Order of Compliance regarding the Findings and Order on property located at 1043 – 1045 Becker Street. Mr. Lendi advised that the property owner has submitted the request with a letter from Mr. Bob Vale, Building Inspector, verifying the property has been converted back to a legal two (2) unit per City of Hammond ordinances. Motion by Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-837)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Street Commissioner, advising of the placement of a handicap parking sign at Hammond Community Service Lab, LLC, 813 Sibley Street. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-838)

Correspondence received from Ms. Denette Stokes, 5717 Erie Avenue, requesting a “Residential Parking” sign. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Street Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-839)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Common Council requesting tree stumps in the 900 block of Merrill Street and the 1100 block of Ames Street be removed, requesting street light outages on Kenwood Street, Rhode Avenue, Tapper Avenue and Monroe Avenue be repaired and the ornamental lighting from Conkey Street to May Street be repaired. Motion by Mr. Smith to refer these matters to the Engineering Department and the Park Department; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-840)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs requesting permission for the 6700 block of Marshall Avenue to hold a block party, Saturday, September 7, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Smith to refer this matter to the Police Department; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-841)

Correspondence received from World of Pentecost Ministries, 4807 Oak Avenue, requesting permission to hold a block party on Saturday, September 21, 2013, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. with street closure. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Police Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-842)

Correspondence received from Mark and Carole Fetzko, 546 – 173rd Street, requesting permission to block the alley behind their property for a family gathering, Sunday, September 1, 2013. Motion by Mr. Smith to refer this matter to the Police Department; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-843)

Correspondence received from Mr. William Hamm, 7733 Catalpa Avenue, requesting permission to hold a party on Saturday, August 31, 2013, from 5:00 p.m. to midnight, with a DJ from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Police Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-844)

Correspondence received from St. John Bosco School requesting street closure during a back to school picnic to be held Friday, September 13, 2013, from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Street Department; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-845)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve all permits, with the exception of 7454 Southeastern Avenue, due to the number sales previously requested; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-846)

Correspondence received from Grimmer Construction, Inc. requesting permission for lane restrictions at the intersection of Southeastern Avenue and 169th Street from Thursday, August 29, 2013 until Saturday, September 7, 2013 due to water main improvements. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-847)

Acknowledgement of alley closure at the Word Made Flesh Church, 700 Sibley Street, due to an outdoor service on Sunday, August 25, 2013. Approval acknowledged. (Ins. No. 13-848)

Correspondence received from Northlake Pop Warner requesting permission to hold a parade on Hohman Avenue between Gostlin Street and Pulaski Park, on Saturday, September 7, 2013 between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve and refer to the Police Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-849)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received a request from Robinson Engineering requesting permission to perform soil borings. Mr. Dostatni stated this requested had been denied on August 15, 2013 but the outstanding issues have been addressed to the satisfaction of the City. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve the request; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-850)

Mr. Lendi then requested “No Parking” signs be placed on City owned property on the 6500 – 6600 block of Calumet Avenue as there has been a number of cars parked at this location recently. Motion by Mr. Dostatni approve the request and refer this matter to the Street Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, a gentleman said he has just bought a property that is scheduled to be demolished. Mr. Lendi responded that he will need to speak with someone in the Building Department.

Mr. Valdez, by a translator, asked why Mr. Valdez was denied a business license by Mr. Don Novak, Zoning and Real Estate Manager. Mr. Lendi replied that the business, 930 Chicago Street, was not zoned for bars. The translator said she was told there was no more zoning in the City of Hammond. Mr. Lendi advised that if she wants zoning changed an appeal would need to be heard by the BZA. The translator then asked for the cost of the application for a business license to be refunded. Mr. Lendi said the fee is non-refundable. Mr. Lendi gave the translator the address and phone number to the Planning Department.

The new owner of 410 Conkey Street stated this property is on the demo list and she is interested in rehabbing the property. Mr. Lendi advised the owner to talk to the Building Commissioner.

The property owner of 5653 Claude Avenue, property included the demolition bid opened at today’s meeting, appeared and stated the fee for a demolition inspection has been paid. Mr. Lendi directed her to speak with someone in the Building Department.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Smith to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

APPROVED: September 12, 2013

By: _____
Robert Lendi, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary