MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JANUARY 17, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:01 a.m., in Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. O'Connor –absent; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Lendi – present.

Due to the absence of Mr. O'Connor, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to defer approval of the minutes of January 10, 2013; Mr. Lendi concurred.

Change Order No. 2 - 5th District Walnut Avenue Reconstruction – submitted for approval by United Consulting. Mr. Dostatni advised the increase in cost, $6,401.93, is the final quantity adjustment for the project. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-040)

Amendment #1 for the contract between the Indiana Department of Transportation and the City of Hammond for improvements to Indianapolis Boulevard. Mr. Dostatni advised the amendment relates to Phase 2 – 169th Street to 165th Street. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-041)

Supplemental Contract with the Indiana Department of Transportation and the City of Hammond for the Columbia Avenue project – Des. No. 0710062 – submitted for approval. Mr. Dostatni said the amount of federal money available has increased to $4,250,806.00. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-042)

Professional Services Agreement with United Consulting for engineering services for 5th District -River Drive Reconstruction and Lighting, Northcote Avenue Lighting, Golfway Court Lighting and Baring Avenue projects. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-043)

Correspondence received from Clearwire requesting permission to perform system upgrades at 509 Douglas Street. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-044)

Correspondence received from Practical Environmental Consultants, Inc. requesting lane closure at Speedway, 7345 Kennedy Avenue, February 28, 2013 and Speedway, 6845 Calumet Avenue, 6845 Calumet Avenue, February 12, 2013 for groundwater testing. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-045)

Hearing on property located at 240 Douglas Street and 814 Summer Street. Attonrey Gary Matthews appears for property owner, Mr. Glen Barker. Mr. Matthews advised the basement

apartment has been eliminated at 240 Douglas Street and the 814 Summer Street property has been abandoned. Mr. Matthews then asked for additional time to prepare the paperwork regarding these properties. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to February 14, 2013; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-046)

Hearing on property located at 268 – 169th Street and 12 Lawndale Street. Efron Efron & Yahne requested this matter be continued to March 21, 2013. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to March 21, 2013; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-047)

Hearing on property located at 243 Wildwood Avenue. Mr. Kearney advised this the same property owner as the hearing on property located at 912 Summer Street hearing and this address needs an additional inspection. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter, as well as 912 Summer Street to March 21, 2013; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-048)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6408 Garfield Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Jason Ugent, of Arlington Heights, Illinois, appears. Mr. Ugent stated that the original paperwork concerning rental registration was sent to an incorrect address and that is the reason rental registration for 2010 through 2012 was not paid. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi to grant the appeal and waive the late fees for 2010 through 2012; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-049)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 529 Vine Street. Property owner fails appear. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi to deny the appeal and assess rental registration at $80 per year per unit and $500 late fee per unit; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-050)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7540 Jefferson Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Cristina Rosas, of Thornton, Illinois, appears. Ms. Rosas stated the she lived at this address in 2012 and her friends are currently living there. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi to grant the appeal and assess $80 per unit rental registration and waive the late fee; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-051)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4904 – 06 Ash Avenue. Mr. Kearney requested this matter be continued for thirty (30) days. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to February 21, 2013; Mr. Dostatni concurred. Ins. No. 13-052)

Correspondence received from Attonrey Richard Maroc requesting a rental registration hearing for property located at 2030 Stanton Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi to set this matter for hearing on March 28, 2013; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-053)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 6533 Jackson Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Juanita Vega, Inspector, Code Enforcement, requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove the basement apartment. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Findings and Order; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-054)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4618 Pine Avenue. Attonrey Justin

Murphy requested this matter be continued to March 14, 2013. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to March 14, 2013; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-055)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4841 Elm Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Code Enforcement, requested this matter be continued to March 14, 2013. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to March 14, 2013; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-056)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 903 May Street. Property owner, Mr. Dennis Shults, of Hammond, appears. Mr. Saliga requested the 1st floor rear apartment be removed and the two (2) front apartments be converted to single family housing. Mr. Kearney requested this matter be continued to March 21, 2013. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to March 21, 2013; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-057)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4437 Cedar Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Elizabeth Romero, appears. Mr. Saliga stated the second floor is now used as storage with the owner living on the first floor. Mr. Lendi asked Ms. Romero if she was agreeable to sign a deed restriction which would allow no occupancy on the second floor. Ms. Romero stated that she was agreeable. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi to require a deed restriction be done to allow no occupancy of the second floor of the property; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-058)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4754 Elm Avenue. Attorney Gary Matthews appears for property owners. Mr. Matthews stated the basement apartment is now vacant requested this matter be continued Recommendation by Mr. Lendi to continue this matter to February 14, 2013; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-059)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1822 Davis Avenue. Property owner appears. Mr. Saliga stated the basement unit is now vacant and the property owner will execute a deed restriction prohibiting use of the basement area ass an apartment. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi to require a deed restriction be done to allow no occupancy of the basement unit; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13- 060)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4839 Pine Avenue. Property owner's son appears. Mr. Saliga requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove the second floor apartment. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Findings and Order; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-061)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4237 Dearborn Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Code Enforcement, requests the Board affirm the Findings and Order to remove the second floor apartment. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi to affirm the Findings and Order; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-062)

Correspondence received from Attorney James Foster requesting a continuance of the hearing on property located at 4839 Elm Avenue, set for today to March 14, 2013. Recommendation by Mr.

Lendi to continue this matter to March 14, 2013; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-063)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Street Commissioner, advising the Street Department can take no action in regard to a request for signage on Calumet Avenue, as it is a State Highway. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter the Engineering Department; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-0634)

Correspondence received from Hessville Little League requesting permission to hold their annual opening day parade on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. with route. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to approve; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-065)

Correspondence received from City Attorney Kristina Kantar authorizing purchasing agents for the Law Department. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-066)

Amusement Device listing for the weeks of January 7, 2013 and January 14, 2013 received from the Controller's Office. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No.. 13-067)

Correspondence received from Hammond Parks and Recreation requesting J.F. Mahoney Drive become one (1) way traveling east during the 11th Annual Pampered Woman Show to be held at the Jean Shepherd Community Center on March 23, 2013 and March 24, 2013. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-068)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Lendi requested Ms. Kim White, be appointed to the Plan Commission, as the Board of Works appointee, to serve until December 31, 2015. Recommendation by Mr. Lendi to appoint Ms. White to the Plan Commission; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 13-069)

Mr. Dostatni received a License Agreement with 4510, 4524, 4532 and 4536 Hohman Avenue, Porter's Apparel, Inc., for environmental testing. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred. (Ins. No. 13-070)

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Lendi to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

APPROVED: January 31, 2013

By:_____
William J. O'Connor, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary