MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JUNE 13, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:04 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. Smith to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 30, 2012 and June 6, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Consulting Contract for supervision with First Group Engineering, Inc. for the NIPSCO Bike Trail project - 143rd Street and Calumet Avenue to Sheffield Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-553)

Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with Nies Engineering, Inc. for professional services as needed for drainage issues, alley, paving and sidewalks. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-554)

Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Nies Engineering, Inc. for professional services for the research for the proposed location of the Monon Bridge across the Little Calumet River. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-555)

Correspondence received from Grimmer Construction, Inc. requesting approval of a traffic control plan to close parts of Columbia Avenue for water main construction. Mr. Dostatni stated Thursday, June 13, 2013 through Monday, June 17, 2013 southbound only traffic allowed, northbound traffic only Tuesday, June 18, 2013 through Thursday, June 20, 2013, opening driving on stone June 20, 2013 through July 1, 2013 and total closure July 2 and 3, 2013. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-556)

Correspondence received from Walsh & Kelly, Inc. requesting permission to close Indianapolis Boulevard from 169th Street to 165th Street beginning Thursday, June 13th, 2013 for storm sewer installation. Mr. Dostatni advised traffic will be moved to the west side of Indianapolis Boulevard with one (1) lane open in either direction and this phase of the project will take approximately four (4) months. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-557)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police Brian Miller requesting parking restrictions for all City of Hammond public parking lots and approval of IDACS Coordinator Specialty Pay to M. Jamie, effective March 11, 2013. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-558)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6319 Van Buren Avenue. Property owner,

Ms. Teresa Ruiz, appears. Ms. Ruiz stated that she lives on the 1st floor and no longer rents the basement as it has been marked "Uninhabitable". Motion by Mr. Dostatni to dismiss this action; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-559)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6642 Parrish Avenue. Property owner, Mr. John Lopez, appears. Mr. Lopez stated that he was awarded this property in his divorce settlement. Mr. Kelly Keaney, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, appears and stated that rental registration was paid late in 2009 and 2012. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-560)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2333 New York Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Sarah Garcia, appears. Ms. Garcia stated that her mother passed away on April 11, 2013 and because of this she forgot to pay. Mr. Kearney stated rental registration has always been paid timely. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-561)

Correspondence received from Ms. Mary Aaron requesting the rental registration on property located at 1034 Moss Street be continued. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to set this matter for July 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-562)

Correspondence received from Attorney Robert Sorge requested the rental registration hearing on property located at 6809 – 6811 Hohman Avenue be continued. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to continue this matter to June 27, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-563)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3125 Kenwood Street. Property owner, Mr. Velibor Simic, fails to appear. There being no motion, the appeal is denied. (Ins. No. 13-564)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4333 Towle Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Miguel Avila, fails to appear. There being no motion, the appeal is denied. (Ins. No. 13-565)

Correspondence received from Attorney Robert Sorge requesting the rental registration hearing on property located at 7028 Hohman Avenue and 62 Coolidge Street be continued. Motoin by Mr. Dostatni to continue these matters to June 27, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-566)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6611 New Hampshire Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Christine Gutierrez, fails to appear. There being no motion, the appeal is denied. (Ins. No. 13-567)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6943 Arizona Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Michael Amaya, appears. Mr. Amaya stated that his son lives in the single family home and does not pay rent. Mr. Kearney requested Mr. Amaya be required to complete an affidavit stating that his son lives at this property. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this action and have Mr. Amaya complete an

affidavit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4849 Hickory Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Nader Kawar, appears. Mr. Kawar stated that he is a pastor and had many funerals to preside over during the time rental registration was due. Motion by Mr. Smith to grant the appeal and waive the late fee; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-569)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6356 Maryland Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Linda Hencel, appears. (Ins. No. 13-570)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6542 Rhode Island Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Ruth Mamouzelos, appears by Ms. Eva Lawrence. Ms. Lawrence stated that Ms. Mamouzelos lives out of state and is unable to attend. Ms. Lawrence then said the property is cared for by the tenant and the home has been rented since her husband died and she moved out of state. Ms. Lawrence then said the water bill is mailed to the tenant. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and asses rental registration at $80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-571)

Hearing on property located at 2724 Cleveland Street. Property owner, Mr. Frank R. Valdez, appears. Mr. Valdez said that someone has applied for a mortgage for purchase the property. Mr. Valdez then gave the Board a copy of a letter from a bank regarding the application for a mortgage on the property. Ms. Danielle Short, Inspector, Inspections Department, requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order requiring the multi-unit to be returned to single family. Ms. Short said this matter was set for March 21, 2013 and Mr. Valdez was given additional time to provide a contract for the sale of the property which he still does not have. Ms. Short then stated there is no fire separation between the first and second floor. There being no motion, the request is denied. (Ins. No. 13-572)

Hearing on property located at 922 Summer Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to July 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-573)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 7516 Howard Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-574)

Corrected Findings and Order on property located at 2934 – 165th Street. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-575)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 247 Doty Street. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins, No. 13-576)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings on property located at 20 Waltham Street and 516 Kenwood Street. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for July 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-577)

Agreement Regarding Park Improvements received from 1st District Councilman Mark Kalwinski for the Installation of a Sprinkler System and scoreboard equipment not to exceed $55,000 of gaming revenue at Hermits Park. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-578)

Correspondence received from Mr. Brian Poland, City Planner, in regard to curbing at 2830 – 165th Street. Mr. Dostatni advised that Mr. Poland delineated the correct procedure to be followed for ADA grievances. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-579)

Correspondence received from Mr. Phil Taillon, Executive Director of Planning and Development, requesting a "No Parking from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. – Violators Will be Ticketed and Towed" sign at 5210 Hohman Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve the request; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-580)

Correspondence received from Ms. Kristy Zajkowski requesting "Deaf Child" signs be placed on Sherman Street. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-581)

Correspondence received from Mr. Michael Swiger requesting permission to hold a block party on the 6700 and 6800 blocks of Huron Avenue on July 13, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with street closure. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-582)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-583)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Ms. Batista, 7425 Knickerbocker Parkway, requested permission to have a bounce house in the park. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to grant the request subject to having power without an extension cord; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Property owner of 6611 New Hampshire Avenue appears and stated that she was letter "O" on the agenda and said the reason she was late in paying rental registration was due to the fact that she was unable to obtain insurance information as she was in Texas. Mr. Lendi advised the matter has already been adjudicated and asked the Board members if they wished to rehear the rental registration appeal. Motion by Mr. Smith to rehear. There being no second, motion fails.

Ms. Penny Frazier, 7514 Marshall Avenue, appeared and stated her opposition to the demolition of property located at 7513 Marshall Avenue. Mr. Callahan said that work is being done on the property by a contractor with permits. Ms. Frazier said someone passed a petition around the neighborhood requesting it be demolished.

Property owner of 7508 Marshall Avenue appears and said that she does not want the house

demolished and regrets having signed the petition.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Dostatni to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Smith. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

APPROVED: June 20, 2013

By:_____
Robert Lendi, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary