

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
AUGUST 1, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:00 a.m., in Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Lendi –present; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Member – present.

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 25, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid recommendation received from NIES Engineering, Inc. for the Willard Road Reconstruction Project to Walsh & Kelly, Inc., low bidder at \$705,645. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-749)

Correspondence received from DLZ Indiana, Inc. regarding the Hammond/Purdue Calumet Outdoor Athletics Complex at Dowling Park. Mr. Lendi stated the bids are rejected as the City of Hammond is unable to acquire certain property necessary for this project. Mr. Dostatni said the project will be rebid. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-750)

Change Order No. 9 received from First Group Engineering, Inc. for the Columbia Avenue Reconstruction Project – Michigan Street to Chicago Street – to replace manhole castings. Mr. Dostatni advised the project is 80% federally funded and as a result the cost to the City will be the remaining 20%, \$1,254. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-751)

Agreement received from NIES Engineering, Inc. for supervision in the 3rd District Local Street Project – Willard Road – Field Street to Noble Avenue. Mr. Dostatni advised the cost to the City will be \$70,060. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-752)

Correspondence received from 5th District Councilman Michael Opinker allotting \$5,000 of gaming money to the Sidewalk Program. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-753)

Request for bid dates of August 8, 2013 and August 15, 2013 with a bid opening date of August 29, 2013 for the Demolition of 5506 Alice Avenue, 1426 Amy Avenue, 5535 Beall Avenue, 5612 Beall Avenue, 5653 Claude Avenue, 4908 Columbia Avenue, 823 Drackert 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. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 3095)

Hearing on property located at 232 – 34 Ogden Street. Attorney Justin Murphy appears for the property owner. Mr. Murphy stated this property has been inspected and the repairs are completed. Mr. Kurt Koch, Building Commissioner, requested this matter be dismissed. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to dismiss this matter; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-754)

Hearing on property located at 851 Indiana Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Jesus Villicana appears. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, stated Mr. Villicana did not receive notice to appear at a previous meeting and Findings and Order, requiring the removal of the basement and one (1) second floor apartment, was entered. Mr. Kearney stated this is a four (unit) building currently. Mr. Villicana said that he did provide drawings as requested, had an inspection done and obtained permits to begin rehabilitation. Mr. Villicana then said an inspector came and stopped work on the property. Mr. Koch said work was being done upstairs and the permit was issued to remove the basement apartment which is why work was stopped. Mr. Villicana stated that he did have permits to perform the work and will remove the basement apartment but does not want to convert the second floor to one apartment. Mr. Koch stated this lot is not zoned as a three (3) unit dwelling. Mr. Koch then said the drawings that Mr. Villicana provided were not good enough. Mr. Dostatni said the drawing do show two (2) units on the second floor and asked if all parties could meet to determine if a solution can be reached. Mr. Kearney stated there is an egress problem and Mr. Koch said a three (3) unit would need a sprinkler system. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to vacate the Findings and Order previously entered; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-755)

Hearing on property located at 1459 Truman Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Koch stated that the rehabilitation is almost complete and will need a final inspection. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to continue this matter to September 5, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-756)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 5661 Sohl Avenue (rear structure), 6317 Monroe Avenue and 6320 Harrison Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-757)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing on property located at 4717 Ash Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith to set this matter for August 15, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-758)

Correspondence received requesting a hearing regarding the denial of a business license for Real T. Tattoos. Motion by Mr. Smith to set this matter for hearing on August 15, 2013; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-759)

Correspondence received requesting a hearing regarding the denial of a business license for Estrella's Sports Bar. Ms. Melissa Estrella appears and stated she is not the owner of the bar, her ex-husband is. Ms. Estrella said that she has a felony record and knows she cannot be the business owner and has no ownership interest in the property. Motion by Mr. Smith to set this matter for

hearing on August 15, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-760)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs regarding tree removal, demolitions, sidewalk replacement and maintenance regarding various addresses in his district. Motion by Mr. Smith to refer these matters to the Park Department Inspections Department, Building Department and the Engineering Department; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-761)

Correspondence received from Hammond Parks & Recreation requesting permission to hold the 2013 Hammond Holiday Parade, Saturday, December 7, 2013 with street closure. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-762)

Correspondence received from Dayspring Ministries, 860 State Street, requesting permission to the 2nd Annual Back to School Health Fair on August 17, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with street closure. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-763)

Correspondence received from Mr. Rafael Ruiz, 240 Hanover Street, requesting permission to hold a block party, September 1, 2013 with street closure. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Hammond Police Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-764)

Correspondence from An Open Door Church & Ministries requesting permission to block off the parking lot at the church on Saturday, August 3, 2013, for a Community Outreach weekend. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-765)

Correspondence received from Ms. Erica Wolfe requesting permission to hold a block party on Saturday, August 31, 2013 on the 6700 block of Alabama Avenue, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with street closure. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Hammond Police Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-766)

Bid recommendation for the demolition of 7513 Marshall Avenue, 4845 – 47 Oak Avenue, 6742 Olcott Avenue, 1013 Reese Street, 7 Rimbach Street and 207 Southmoor Road submitted by Mr. James Callahan, Chief of Inspections, to Gary Material Supply at a cost of \$39,800. Mr. Callahan advised that the low bidder, Actin/TRI was not awarded the bid due to not being the most responsive and reliable bidder. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-767)

Bid recommendation for the demolition of 816 State Street, 920 State Street and 943 Summer Street to JM Industrial Services, Inc. at a cost of \$24,500. Mr. Callahan advised that the low bidder, Actin/TRI was not chosen due to not being the most responsive and reliable bidder. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-768)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr.

Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-769)

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 9:53 a.m.

APPROVED: August 29, 2013

By: _____
Robert Lendi, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary