

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:05 a.m., in Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Lendi – absent; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Smith – present.

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

Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of September 12, 2013; Mr. Smith concurred.

Mr. Lendi appears for the meeting. Normal rules of procedure are reinstated.

Bid opening – Monon Bike Trail and Bridge Project – Gregory Avenue in Munster to Southmoor Road in Hammond. Bids received as follows:

Dyer Construction Co., Inc.	\$571,021.45
Gariup Construction Company, Inc.	\$620,000.00
Hasse Construction Co., Inc.	\$671,000.00
Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$682,246.78
Superior Construction Co., Inc.	\$547,295.17

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 3096)

Project Coordination Contract with the Indiana Department of Transportation and the City of Hammond, Des. No. 1173428, for the reconstruction on Kennedy Avenue from 174th Street to 169th Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-931)

Contract for construction observation with Beam Longest and Neff, LLC for New Pedestrian Bridges – 167th Street and Columbia Avenue and 165th Street and Lyman Avenue. Mr. Dostatni advised the cost to the City is not to exceed \$156,800. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-932)

Agreement with First Group Engineering, Inc. for engineering services in 4th District Lighting – 172nd Street from Hohman Avenue to State Line Avenue, Monroe Avenue from 165th Street to Locust

Street, Howard Avenue from 171st Street to I80/I94 and the 7000 block of Woodlawn Avenue to 173rd Street. Mr. Dostatni advised the cost to the City is \$78,800. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-933)

Change Order No. 006, Contract No. R-28972, for Indianapolis Boulevard submitted by Walsh & Kelly, Inc. Mr. Dostatni stated the amount of the change order is \$7,425 to replace broken manhole castings. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-934)

Correspondence received from Karr Tuckpointing requesting permission for sidewalk closure at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, 5310 Hohman Avenue, from September 30, 2013 through October 4, 2013. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-935)

Correspondence received from Reichelt Plumbing requesting lane closure in the east bound lane of 121st Street from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 2, 2013. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-936)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 2205 – 169th Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-937)

Proposal received from Torrenga Surveying, LLC to perform a 2011 ALTA/ACSM Land Title Survey at the Conkey Street Complex Addition at a cost not to exceed \$18,000. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-938)

License Agreement for property located at Roosevelt Street and White Oak Avenue, Atlantic Richfield Co., for environmental monitoring. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-939)

Certificate of Delivery and Acceptance with diversitycom, inc. for the new telephone system submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to defer this matter; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-940)

Disposal Authorization received from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-941)

Demolition hearing on 6633 Alexander Avenue. Attorney Robert Sorge appears for property owner. Attorney Robert Kruszynski appears for the bank. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, appears for the City of Hammond. Mr. Sorge stated the property owner has paid for an inspection and waiting for a date to be scheduled. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr.

Smith to continue this matter to January 30, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5502 Alice Avenue (House and Garage). Ms. Carol Tietz appears. Ms. Tietz stated the owner, Mr. Steve Skirmont, “gave her” the property but has no proof. Ms. Kantar advised no repairs have been made and no permits for repair have been pulled. Ms. Kantar then requested the Order to Demolish be entered but stayed until January 30, 2014 and the owner to obtain an inspection and enter into an Agreement to Rehabilitate. Motion by Mr. Smith to enter the Order to Demolish but stay until January 30, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 935 Ames Street. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar stated an Order to Demolish is already recorded and requested the property be bid for demolition. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6916 Bertram Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar advised an Order to Demolish is already recorded and requested the property be bid for demolition. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7247 Calumet Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar requested the Order to Demolish be entered and the property be bid for demolition. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4117 Cameron Avenue. Mr. Kruszynski appears for the bank and stated the sheriff’s sale is on October of 2013 and after that date the bank will have possession of the property to determine if repairs can be made. Ms. Kantar requested the property be bid for demolition but stay issuance of permits until December 5, 2013. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5536 Claude Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar advised an Order to Demolish has been recorded and requested this property be bid for demolition. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5712 Erie Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar advised an Order to Demolish has been recorded and requested this property be bid for demolition. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5735 Erie Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar stated an Order to Demolish has been recorded and requested the property be bid for demolition. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7019 Jackson Avenue. Ms. Kantar advised that

Attorney John Terpstra has entered his appearance for the property owners and requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to October 17, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4203 Johnson Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Rogue Bueno, appears. Ms. Kantar advised that the owners are no closer to repairs than when hearings commenced in August of 2012 and there is a recorded Order to Demolish on the property. Ms. Kantar then requested the property be bid for demolition. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 935 Michigan Street. Property owner, Mr. Gerardo Rivas, appears. Mr. Rivas stated that he has cancelled inspections with the Inspections Department and has not signed an Agreement to Rehabilitate. Ms. Kantar requested the Board enter an Order to Demolish and bid the property for demolition. Motion by Mr. Smith to enter an Order to Demolish and bid the property for demolition; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5730 Northcote Avenue. Attorney Timothy Coe appears for property owner, Mr. Richard Rodriguez. Mr. Coe advised there is a pending Quiet Title action that is scheduled for hearing on October. Mr. Coe then said the owners will start clean up on the property and enter into an Agreement to Rehabilitate. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to January 30, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6804 Parrish Avenue. Attorney James Driscoll appears for the new tax sale owner who will have ownership by December. Ms. Kantar requested the Board continue this matter and the tax sale owner to have an inspection done prior to the continuance. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter and the owner have an inspection completed; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 951 Reese Street. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar requested the Board affirm the demolition of the property. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the demolition of the property; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5 Rimbach Street. Attorney Robert Sorge appears for the property owner who does not object to demolition. Ms. Kantar advised there is a recorded Order to Demolish in file and requested this property be bid for demolition. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7243 State Line Avenue. Mr. Sorge appeared with property owner, Ms. Wendy Wang. Ms. Kantar advised of the receipt of a letter from a neighbor of the property regarding an unsafe open, dry pool Councilwoman Janet Venecz spoke of other neighborhood

complaints. Ms. Kantar requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish, stay issuance of permits to November 7, 2013 based on the failure to make repairs on the property. Motion by Mr. Smith to bid the property for demolition but stay issuance of permits to November 7, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5554 Walter Avenue (House and Garage). Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar advised the property owner has failed to make repairs on the property and requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5606 Walter Avenue (House and Garage). Property owner, Mr. Michael Wiersma, appears. Mr. Wiersma stated he is waiting for Mr. Kurt Koch, Building Commissioner, to perform an inspection at the property. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to January 30, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 636 Willow Court. Attorney Joseph Banasiak appears for property owners and stated a final inspection needs to be completed. Motion by Ms. Kantar to continue this matter to January 30, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1143 Summer Street. Property owner, Ms. Joyce Askew, appears and stated she is repairing the house through the help of the City. Motion by Ms. Kantar to continue this matter to January 30, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1107 Wilcox Street. Property owners, Priscilla and Jamie Manriquez, appear and state they purchased the property in August of 2013 and have paid for an inspection which has not yet been scheduled. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to January 30, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7514 Columbia Avenue. Attorney Gary Matthews appears for property owner and submits an Agreement to Rehabilitate. Motion by Mr. Smith to accept the Agreement; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Ms. Sorensen, property owner of 23 – 25 Webb Street, appeared and asked exactly what date the property was to be demolished. Ms. Kantar advised that she should contact the Building Department for that information.

All demolition hearings at (Ins. No. 13-942)

Hearing – Business License Denial – Mr. Manuel Carr – Five Points Motors, LLC. Mr. Carr stated that he has a felony conviction on his record from 1991. Ms. Kantar asked if he had been in any trouble since that time. Mr. Carr said that he had not been. Mr. Smith then asked Mr. Carr where he lived. Mr. Carr responded that he now lives at 6814 South Jeffery Avenue, Apartment B, Chicago, Illinois 60649. Motion by Mr. Smith to accept the license on a one (1) year probationary period; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-943)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 6648 Alexander Avenue. Ms. Gloria Mabry appears for the Inspections Department and stated that the property has been repaired. Motion by Mr. Smith to enter Findings & Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-944)

Hearing on property located at 1010 Hoffman Street. Attorney Curtis Vosti has requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to January 30, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-945)

Hearing on property located at 39 – 41 Carroll Street. Attorney Kruszynski appears and requests additional time. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to November 21, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-946)

Hearing on property located at 4610 – 12 Pine Avenue. Ms. Kantar requests continuance. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to January 30, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-947)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings on property located at 929 Lyons Street, 1014 Moss Street and 724 Sibley Street. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for hearing on October 17, 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-948)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Street Commissioner, requesting permission to perform a ninety (90) day trial for a three (3) way stop at Wilcox Street and Maywood Avenue and permission to install “No Parking this Side of Street” on the south side of 171st Street from Parrish Avenue to Idaho Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-949)

Correspondence received from Hammond High School requesting permission to hold a parade on Thursday, October 17, 2013, with route. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-950)

Correspondence received from Ms. Nova Fryer thanking the Board for the installation of “Resident Parking Only” signs being installed on Cedar Avenue. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 13-951)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs requesting additional lighting in the alley between the 900 blocks of Conkey Street and Ames Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Engineering Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-952)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-953)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Dostatni requested advertising dates of October 7, 2013 and October 14, 2013 with a bid opening date of October 24, 2013 for the Hammond/Purdue University Calumet Outdoor Athletics Complex at Dowling Park. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 3099)

Mr. Dostatni also received correspondence from Chief of Police Brian Miller requesting approval for Officer Gabriel Gutierrez to receive Field Training Officer Specialty Pay, effective August 15, 2013. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 13-954)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs requested various houses in the 3rd District be demolished. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Building Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Councilman Higgs then requested ornamental lighting on Maywood Avenue and demolition or repair for the properties located at 1130 Highland Street and a greenhouse located on the 800 block of Ames. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer the lighting request to the Engineering Department and the demolition request to the Building Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

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 10:30 a.m.

APPROVED: October 10, 2013

By: _____
Robert Lendi, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary