

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MARCH 6, 2014

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. Smith – present.

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to defer the minutes of the February 27, 2014 meeting; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Agreement received from Baxter & Woodman, Inc. Consulting Engineers for the 2014 1st District Roadway Improvements of Wabash Avenue - 141st Street to 139th Street - submitted for approval. Mr. Dostatni advised this is the final phase of the project and the cost will be \$1,423,364. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-120)

Four (4) Change Orders from received from American Structurepoint for the 169th Street project submitted for approval. Mr. Dostatni said this project is 80% federally funded and has been approved. Mr. Dostatni then advised the change orders represent mainly water main repair and storm sewer repair costs. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-121)

Correspondence received from Midwestern Contractors requesting street closure of 150th Street at White Oak Avenue to begin on April 7, 2014 for approximately five (5) days. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-122)

Lease Agreement with Verizon for Tower at 518 Fayette Street submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Lendi. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-123)

Notice of Assignment from Diversitycom, Inc. and Winston Financial Group, Inc. submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to defer this matter; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-123a)

Correspondence received from Assistant Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the retirement of Chief of Police Brian Miller effective April 1, 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-124)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police Brian Miller requesting approval of the retirement of Sergeant Mario A. Chapa effective May 15, 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-125)

Quit-Claim Deeds received from Redevelopment Commission regarding properties located at: 7018 Carolina Court, 3131 170th Street, 3123 170th Street, 3107 170th Street, 3034 170th Street, 3110 170th Drive, 3114 170th Drive, 3118 170th Drive, 3126 170th Drive, 3130 170th Drive, 7034 Carolina Court, 7038 Carolina Court, 7035 Carolina Court, 7027 Carolina Court 7023 Carolina Court and 7011 Carolina Court submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-126)

Emergency Order to Demolish regarding the garage only on the property located at 845 May Street. Property owner, Mr. Elmo Welch, appears and stated “nature” took the garage down and it is not laying in the alley or on any public right of way. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Inspections Department, advised that he was contacted by the Police Department and the Street Department regarding the condition of the garage. Mr. Welch stated he will salvage most of the garage material. Mr. Kearney said he will check on the condition of the garage. Motion by Mr. Smith to set this matter for status on March 13, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-127)

Hearing on property located at 627 Kane Street. Attorney Cordell Funk appears for the property owner, Mr. Leonardo Ventura. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Inspections Department, requested the second floor apartment be removed and also that the Board affirm the Findings and Order regarding the property. Mr. Funk said he has attempted to reach Mr. James Callahan, Chief of Inspections, but has not been successful. Mr. Funk also stated his client will cooperate with the City. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-128)

Correspondence received from Megan Flores of the Jean Shepherd Community Center requesting J.F. Mahoney Drive become a one-way traveling East for the two (2) days, Sunday March 15, 2014 and Sunday, March 16, 2014 for TwistStars Tumbling and Trampoline Pot O’ Gold Invitational submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-129)

Under Matters from Other board Members, Mr. Lendi requested a letter be sent to 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs advising that no action has been taken in regard to 918 Highland Street as of March 5, 2014.

Under New Business, Attorney Jamie Driscoll appeared presented an Agreement for 1909 Clay Street and 1903 Clay Street that has been approved by Corporation Counsel Kristian Kantar. Mr. Driscoll then said the property owner will pay a \$5,000 bond and also pay for the cut and clean liens. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-130)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, the property owner of 1150 Summer Street stated that he received letter from Smith Sersic regarding the demolition of his property. The property owner said he was not notified and the previous owner had signed an Agreement to rehabilitate the property. Mr. Kurt Koch, Commissioner, Building Department, said the Agreement has expired and

Ms. Kantar advised the Agreement should not be renewed. The property owner said the City has not followed Indiana Code.

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to adjourn; Mr. Lendi concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

APPROVED: March 13, 2014

By: _____
Robert Lendi, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary