

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**APRIL 10, 2014**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:02 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 approval of the minutes of the meetings of March 27, 2014 and April 3, 2014; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – Contractual Recycled Waste Collection for ten (10) years. Bids received from the following companies with pricing attached as Exhibit “A”:

Waste Management	700 East Butterfield Road Suite 400 Lombard, Illinois 60148
Otto Environmental Systems, LLC	12700 General Drive Charlotte, North Carolina 28273
Greentree Enterprises, LLC	848 Jordan Circle Schererville, Indiana 46375
Best Equipment Co., Inc.	5550 Poindexter Drive Indianapolis, Indiana 46235
Rehrig Pacific Company	1000 Raco Court Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046
Republic Services	865 Wheeler Street Crown Point, Indiana 46307
Cascade Engineering	4950 37 <sup>th</sup> Street SE Grand Rapids, Michigan 49512

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer the bids to the Engineering Department and the Controller’s Office for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4006)

Request for advertising dates of April 17, 2014 and April 24, 2014 with a bid opening date of May 8, 2014 for the demolition of 6633 Alexander Avenue, 6950 Arizona Avenue, 908 Bauer Street, 913 Bauer Street, 838 Carroll Street, 7115 Delaware Avenue, 19 Doty Street, 4306 Elm Avenue, 1334 – 1340 Highland Street, 504 – 06 Kenwood Street, 817 Lyons Street (garage only),

1408 Sherman Street, 2639 – 164th Place and 1153 Wilcox Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4009)

Request for bid dates of April 17, 2014 and April 24, 2014 with a bid opening date of May 8, 2014 for Hammond Police Department Chiller Replacement. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4010)

Change Order No. 1 for the Hammond/Purdue Calumet Outdoor Athletics Complex at Dowling Park – Phase I Construction submitted by DLZ Engineering. Mr. Lendi advised the change order represents a decrease in cost to the City of \$90,709.71. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-203)

Bid recommendation to low bidder, Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc. at \$461,845.79, for the 3rd District Road Reconstruction – Claude Avenue from Carroll Street to Thornton Street submitted by Robinson Engineering. Mr. Dostatni stated the engineers estimate for the project was \$479,829.00. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-204)

Change Orders No. 2, 3, 4 and 5 for the River Drive project submitted by United Consulting. Mr. Dostatni advised all change order total \$5,200. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-205)

Request received from NIPSCO requesting permission to cut trees in the City of ~~Hammond~~. Mr. Dostatni advised he spoke to a representative from NIPSCO, Mr. Rick Calinski, who stated NIPSCO will work with the City regarding how trees are trimmed or cut down. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-206)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the transfer of Officer S. Hric to CID with relinquishment of ET Specialty Pay, Officer J. Riordan to the Uniform Division with relinquishment of Detective Specialty Pay, Officer R. Howard to the Uniform Division with relinquishment of Chauffer Warden Pay and Office J. Gonzalez to Narcotics with receipt of Detective Specialty Pay, Sergeant D. Connor being placed on administrative leave, the retirement of Sergeant Louis Szany, effective June 9, 2014 and the retirement of Sergeant Kenneth J. Stump, effective May 19, 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-207)

Correspondence received from Attorney Sonya D. Scott-Dix requesting the hearing for the revocation of the business license of ABC Grocery be continued for ninety (90) days. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to May 8, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-208)

Business License Revocation Hearing – Cellular City, 6833 Grand Avenue – Mr. Hweih Elabed. Mr. Elabed fails to appear. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, advised Mr. Elabed was properly notified of today's hearing. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to revoke the Business License for

Cellular City, 6833 Grand Avenue; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-209)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4 Webb Street. Property owner, Mr. Zidan Allan, appears and stated he attempted to pay rental registration and was told he had to pay a \$500 late fee for 2013 and he rented the property for the first time in August of 2013. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this action; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-210)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7518 Jackson Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Adnan Abassi, appears with Attorney Joseph Haddad. Mr. Haddad said that Mr. Abassi had contacted the Inspections Department regarding flood zones and was later issued a notice of violation regarding rental registration. Mr. Haddad then said Mr. Abassi has owned the property since 2003. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess one (1) \$500 late fee and rental registration at \$80 per unit for 2013; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-211)

Hearing on property located at 4828 Oak Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Christina Avila, fails to appear. Attorney Justin Murphy requested this matter be continued to allow the Building Department to inspect the architectural drawings Ms. Avila had done. Motion by Mr. Smith to allow a final continuance to May 15, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-212)

Hearing on property owned by Ms. Maria Barraza. Ms. Kantar stated that she has been contacted by Attorney David J. Brandewie. Ms. Kantar advised the property owner will restore the structure to single family and requested this matter be continued. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Inspections Department, requested this matter be set for status hearing as no permits have been pulled to complete any rehabilitation. Motion by Mr. Smith to set this matter for status on May 15, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-213)

Correspondence received from Chief of Inspections, Mr. James Callahan, regarding demolition hearings to take place on April 17, 2014. Mr. Lendi stated the letter requests certain addresses be removed from the demolition list and other be reset to be heard on June 12, 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-214)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings on property located at 4234 Johnson Avenue, 229 Locust Street and 40 Lawndale Street. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for May 15, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-215)

Correspondence received from the School City of Hammond requesting the curb opposite Lincoln School's service drive be painted yellow as trash pick-up and deliveries are being blocked by parked vehicles. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Public Works Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-216)

Correspondence received from the Jean Shepherd Community Center requesting J.F.

Mahoney Drive become a one (1) way street during the City of Hammond's Annual Job Fair, Thursday, April 17, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-217)

Correspondence received from the Chief of Police John Doughty granting permission for Ms. Symone Welsh, 1303 Sherman Street, to hold a party on May 17th, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with street closure. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-218)

Correspondence received from Leon's Triathlon requesting permission to have street closure on routes in the City of Hammond during the triathlon, Sunday, June 1, 2014. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve the routes; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-219)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 171st Street and Calumet Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-220)

Correspondence received from Imperial Crane Services, Inc. requesting permission to remove telecom equipment from the roof of 5231 Hohman Avenue with a crane requiring lane closure. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried (Ins. No. 14-221)

Agreements to Rehabilitate Property Located at 5554 Walter Avenue and 410 Conkey Street submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-222)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Smith received a request for a 2002 Crown Victoria be transferred to the Hammond Area Career Center for law enforcement training purposes. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-223)

Mr. Smith also received a Garage Sale Permit for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-224)

Mr. Lendi presented a Proposal from Suburban Elevator for freight elevator maintenance at 651 Conkey Street in the amount of \$27,400.00 which he requested be approved. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-225)

Mr. Lendi then requested the Hammond Police Department and the Internal Affairs Division investigate possible misconduct regarding the Hammond Firefighters Contract and an ordinance sponsored by 6th District Councilman Homero "Chico" Hinojosa. Mr. Smith abstained from the vote. Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni; Mr. Lendi concurred.

Mr. Dostatni also received a request from St. Margaret Mary Church requesting street closure for an Easter Procession. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion

carried. (Ins. No. 14-226)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Attorney William J. O'Connor appeared for the property owner of 651 – 119<sup>th</sup> Street and stated the property has been cleaned, had fines paid and the owner is in the process of obtaining a City of Hammond contractor's license in the near future. Mr. O'Connor said that he wanted to keep the Board advised.

The employee of the NIPSCO tree cutting company thanked the Board for approving the tree cutting request. Mr. Dostatni requested the City be notified prior to the trees being cut and also to be notified of the location, once again with lead time.

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 9:49 a.m.

APPROVED: May 15, 2014

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Edward Krusa, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary