

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JULY 3, 2014

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:03 a.m., in Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Krusa - present; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Smith – present.

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve the minutes of the meetings of May 29, 2014 and June 5, 2014; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – 2nd District Local Street Lighting Improvement Project – Hanover Street, - 200 block of Magnolia Avenue – 4700, 4800 and 4900 blocks, Beech Avenue – 4800 and 4900 blocks and Linden Avenue – 4700, 4800 and 4900 blocks. Bids received as follows:

Hawk Enterprises, Inc.	\$270,962.20
Midwestern Electric	\$271,902.75
Martell Electric, LLC	\$287,465.50
TGB Unlimited, Inc.	\$249,417.00

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. 2846)

Indiana Department of Transportation – Local Public Agency Project Coordination Contract for the Marquette Greenway Project – Des. #1382659 submitted for approval. Mr. Dostatni advised this is a City/State contract. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-539)

Change Order No. 13 for the Indianapolis Boulevard project submitted for approval. Mr. Dostatni said the amount of the change order is \$4,032 for additional water main work. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-540)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting permission for the Marian Pilgrimage to be escorted through the City, Saturday, August 9, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., approvals of block parties one (1) denial of a block party and Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-541)

Request for advertising dates of July 10, 2014 and July 17, 2014 with a proposal opening date of July 31, 2014 for a Legal Notice of Request for Proposals to Lease and/or Purchase Real Estate and Instructions to Bidders. Corporation Counsel Kristina Kantar advised this notice is for property on Conkey Street and is contingent on receiving the correct legal description today. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4017)

Correspondence received from the Seiden Law Group, PC requesting the hearing on the

Revocation of Business License for Star Foods be continued. Ms. Kantar said Star Foods was cited again for selling fake marijuana and also that she has no objection to the continuance. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to July 24, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-542)

Correspondence received from Attorney D. Eric Neff regarding the appeal of the Revocation of License for Kraz Construction. Ms. Kantar advised Kraz Construction will appeal the revocation before the Hammond Common Council. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 14-543)

City of Hammond Street and Park Department and Teamsters Union Local No. 142 Agreement submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-544)

Notice of Violation on property located at 4919 Oak Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Jesse Escamilla, Inspector, Inspections Department said this property is an illegal three (3) unit that was built as a single family home. Mr. Escamilla then said permits were never obtained to add the additional units. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Inspections Department said the bank has hired unlicensed contractors to perform repairs but the work does not meet code. Mr. Escamilla requested the Board approve the Findings and Order regarding the property. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-545)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4815 Chestnut Avenue. Property owner appears and stated that she did not receive a notice to pay the fee and it would be a hardship to pay the late fee as her husband is currently unemployed. 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. 14-546)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7231 McLaughlin Avenue. Property owner appears and said she is 92 years old and simply forgot. Ms. Kantar advised there was a previous appeal but rental registration has been paid timely since. 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. 14-547)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2948 Gibson Place. Property owner appears, stated he lives in one (1) unit and rents the other and did not receive notice until after the deadline was reached. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 for one (1) unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-548)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2736 New York Avenue. Property owner appears and stated he did not receive notice rental registration was due until after April 15th. Ms. Kantar advised an appeal was held in 2011 and rental registration has been paid timely since then. 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. 14-549)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6712 Marshall Avenue. Property owner appears and stated she did not receive notice. 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. 14-550)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4846 Chestnut Avenue. Property owner appears and stated it was an oversight. 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. 14-551)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 421 Florence Street, 7619 Howard Avenue, 2907 Kenwood Street, 7546 Jarnecke Avenue, 2917 – 165th Street and 6850 Arizona Avenue. Ms. Kantar advised an appeal was held in 2011 and paid timely since. 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. 14-552)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7331 Jackson Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar advised rental registration has been paid for 2014 and requested this matter be dismissed. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this action; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-553)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6713 California Avenue. Property owner appears and stated he sent a check in January of this year to the Inspections Department and never received the check back and thought it was paid. Ms. Kantar stated the fee was paid timely in 2012 and 2013. 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. 14-554)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7133 Schneider Avenue. Property owner appears and stated she did not receive notice the fee was due. 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. 14-555)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 233 – 169th Street. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar advised an appeal was held in 2010 and rental registration has been paid timely since. 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. 14-556)

Rental registration hearing on property owned by Saxony Townhouses, LP and Golden Manor LP. Representatives, both managers of Hammond Housing, appear for both Saxony Townhouses, LP, 68 units, and Golden Manor. LP, 80 units, appear and stated there was confusion regarding the amount due as “they” or Hammond Housing who owns the buildings, were under the impression the amount had changed. Ms. Kantar asked if “they” had called any City Department to verify the amount, or placed money in escrow for rental registration to which they responded they had not. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee for the 148 units and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-557)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for hearing on August 7, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-558)

Correspondence requesting permission to hold a block party on the 1200 block of Sherman Street, July 12, 2014 from 12:00 noon to 8:30 p.m. and on 118th Street, July 4, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., both with street closure. Motion by Mr. Smith to refer these matters to the Police Department; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-559)

License Agreement with Witham Sales and Service, Inc., 7452 Indianapolis Boulevard, for groundwater testing. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-560)

Correspondence received from EN Engineering, LLC requesting lane closure on Calumet Avenue to allow for the installation of a steel gas main for NIPSCO beginning July 14, 2014. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-561)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-562)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received a request to have a ditch close to Cline Avenue, off of the 6600 block of Tennessee Avenue, cleaned due to berm flooding. Mr. Dostatni advised he will contact INDOT regarding the ditch cleanup as it is state owned property.

Mr. Dostatni also received a request from Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc. to close two (2) westbound lanes of 169th Street and California Avenue and turn the eastbound lane into two (2) way traffic to allow the Hammond Water Department to execute a hot tap with closure expected to last three (3) to five (5) days. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-563)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Councilman Homero Hinojosa requested swings be installed at “No Name Park” also known as Chico Park and monies be transferred from his gaming money to pay for the cost. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve subject to the Mayor’s approval; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-564)

Councilman Anthony Higgs then appeared and congratulated Mr. Krusa on his appointment to the Board.

Councilman Higgs then said the property located at 840 Ames Street, a green house, needs to be demolished as soon as possible and he has contacted, and not received a response, from Mr. Callahan, as is the case of trees at 840 Becker Street. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Inspections Department, advised Councilman Higgs a letter has be sent to him regarding this matter.

Councilman Higgs then said he has received a letter from a constituent requesting a four (4) way stop sign at 163rd Place and Alexander Avenue as well as a “Children at Play” signage. Councilman Higgs then gave the Board the letter he received.

Councilman Higgs then requested additional stop signs in the 3200 block of Wildwood Road and said there are large sinkholes on Wildwood Road and Field Street. Mr. Smith responded that these matters have already been referred to the Street Department.

Mr. Krusa then said if there are any requests Councilman Higgs wants action taken on, the request will need to be in letter form.

Mr. Kurt Koch, Commissioner, Building Department, answering Councilman Higgs, stated that the addresses he brought up initially are on the Building Department’s demolition list. Mr. Koch then said the 3rd District has the largest number of demolitions completed, more than the other districts combined.

The daughter of Ms. Helen Gaidos addressed the Board and stated Public Works will not accept a note from her mother’s doctor written on a prescription pad not letterhead from his office. Mr. Krusa asked Ms. Gaidos’ daughter for the note and advised he will contact the Public Works Department. (Ins. No. 14-565)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation motion by Mr. McLaughlin to adjourn; Mr. Dostatni concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

APPROVED: AUGUST 7, 2014

By: _____
Edward Krusa, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary