

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2016

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2016, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Dostatni - present; Ms. Garay - present; Mr. Margraf- present.

Motion by Ms. Garay to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2015 and October 15, 2015 meetings; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Change Order No. 1 received from First Group Engineering, Inc. for the Van Buren Avenue – 174th Street to 173rd Street project. Mr. Dostatni said additional striping was necessary at a cost of \$8,847. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-206)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at Saxony Street and 174th Street. Mr. Dostatni said AT&T will be doing underground work for phone and internet service. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-207)

Correspondence received from Construction-CAD Solutions, Inc. requesting permission to perform work in the right of way in the City of Hammond. Mr. Dostatni said the work is being done for WOW! Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-208)

Correspondence received from CRG Residential requesting street closure on Linden Place between 174th Place and Wilson Drive for thirty (30) days to install sanitary/storm sewer crossings. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-209)

Agreement with First Communications for local and long distance telephone service for City Hall. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-210)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1020 Becker Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, said the property is a two (2) unit. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said rental registration was not paid in 2014 or 2015. Motion by Ms. Garay to deny the appeal and assess a late fee of \$500 per unit per year and rental registration of \$80 per unit for 2014 and \$5 per unit for 2015; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-211)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 5413 Walnut Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kristina Kantar, Corporation Counsel, said the property owner holds a homestead exemption on this property and the exemption will need to be removed. Ms. Kantar then advised 2015 rental registration was not paid on this one (1) unit property. Motion by Ms. Garay to assess a

late fee of \$500 and rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2015; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-212)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1121 Moss Street. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar said rental registration was not paid for 2013, 2014 or 2015. Motion by Ms. Garay to assess the late fee of \$500 per year for each year and rental registration of \$80 for 2013 and 2014 and \$5 for 2015; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-213)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7006 Jackson Avenue. Property owner appears and said he was not aware rental registration had to be paid. Ms. Kantar advised the water bill is sent to 7006 Jackson Avenue, not to the property owner. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration for 2015 at \$5 per unit; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-214)

Correspondence received from Attorney Marco Molina requesting a continuance of the Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1411 150th Street. Motion by Ms. Garay to continue this matter to April 28, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-215)

Status of the request for additional time on the Agreement for Rehabilitation of 6239 Monroe Avenue. Ms. Kantar said she has no objection to the request. Motion by Ms. Garay to set this matter for May 26, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-216)

Correspondence received from Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, requesting approval of the continuance, and removal, of several demolition properties set for April 28, 2016. Mr. Kearney said several of the properties have Agreements to Rehabilitate signed and others have the majority of work completed. Motion by Ms. Garay to continue the remaining to May 26, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-217)

Orders to Rescind Orders to Demolish property located at 2640 Cleveland Street and 1606 177th Street. Ms. Kantar advised both properties had been on the demolition list. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-218)

Correspondence received from Hessville Little League requesting approval of holding an opening day parade on Saturday, April 30, 2016, with approval from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to Public Works, the Hammond Police Department and the Hammond Fire Department; seconded by Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-219)

Correspondence received from the Annual Heart Walk Committee requesting street closure from Tapper Avenue and Highland Street and Tapper Avenue and Lyons Street between the pool area and the basketball courts for a 5 Mile Heart Walk on June 18, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-220)

Correspondence received from Reverend Santiago Gamez requesting “Residential Only Parking” and “Handicap Parking” signs on the 5200 block of Ann Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer both sign requests to Public Works and Zoning; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-221)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Mohawks requesting permission for street closure during the North Hammond Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 30, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-222)

Correspondence received from Mr. Patrick Moore requesting his rental registration hearing currently set for April 28, 2016 be continued. Motion by Ms. Garay to reschedule the hearing to May 12, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-223)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Ms. Garay to set these matter for hearing on May 12, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-224)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-225)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received an Agreement to Rehabilitate Jackson Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve the Agreement; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-226)

Mr. Dostatni also received an Agreement with SEH for Construction Observation Services for the Orchard Drive Reconstruction Project – Kennedy Avenue to Arkansas Avenue in the amount of \$57,800. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-227)

Mr. Dostatni recognized Councilman Pete Torres in the audience who then addressed the Board.

Councilman Torres requested the City to verify which part of the fence at the north end of the parking lot on Ann Avenue, by Reverend Gamez’s home, is owned by the City as staff from the school nearby park there and have damaged his fence. Councilman Torres then said Reverend Gamez has put parking stops there but would like a permanent solution. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to Zoning and Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Garay to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Margraf. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: 
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:


Lynn Laviolette, Secretary