

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2016

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2016, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Dostatni - present; Ms. Garay – absent; Mr. Margraf- present.

Recommendation by Mr. Dostatni to approve the minutes of the meetings of September 3, 2016 and September 10, 2016; Mr. Margraf concurred.

Bid opening for the demolition of properties located at 651-119th St. (front), 1512 – 125th St., 1106 – 169th St. 917 – 174th St, 4608 Cameron Ave., 2638 Cleveland St. (garage only), 2640 Cleveland St. (garage only), 511 Conkey St. (garage only), 6201 Hohman Ave., 4548 Hohman Ave., 7531 Jackson Ave., 4905 Linden Ave., 47 Mason St., 1115 Moss St. (rear house only), 6618 Ohio Ave. (garage only), 1557 River Drive North (emergency garage only), 4446 Sheffield Ave., 1134 Sibley St., 7409 Southeastern Ave., 909 State St., 1155 Summer St. (garage only), 840 Truman St., 6 William St. (house and garage), 838 Willow Ct., 842 Willow Ct. and 5424 Wood Ave. Bids received as follows:

RSR Demolition	\$244,533
Actin	\$285,365
JM Industrial	\$208,900
American	\$ 24,975
IESCO	\$143,720

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer the bids to the Building Department for tabulation and recommendation; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Res. No. 4029)

Change Order No. 1 with an increase of \$8,847 received from First Group Engineering, Inc. for the Van Burren Avenue Project - 174th Street to 173rd Street - submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-251)

Request for advertising dates of April 27, 2016 and May 4, 2016 with a bid opening date of May 12, 2016 for the BEP/Hardest Hit demolitions for properties located at 4608 Cameron Avenue, 4639 Hickory Avenue and 5639 Sohl Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Res. No. ****)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty notifying of the resignation of Alexandria Jackson effective April 22, 2016 and various street closure approvals. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-252)

Correspondence received from Director of Public Works, Mr. Gary Gleason, agreeing to place “Residential Parking Only” signs between the 800 and 900 block of Highland Street and “No Parking” signs to be placed on the parkway side of 7300 and 7400 block of Baring Parkway. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-253)

Correspondence received from the Engineering Department requesting \$320,000 be transferred from the 2nd District gaming money to the 2nd District Overlay Program for various streets and \$250,000 to be transferred from the 5th District gaming money to the 5th District Overlay Program submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-254)

Correspondence received from 6th District Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$10,000 be allocated from gaming funds to be used for Hammond Park Department maintenance. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-255)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting street closure on Tapper Street between Lyons Street and Highland Street for the 12th Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament at Martin Luther King Park on Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and requesting the removal of railroad tracks for Conkey Street & Lyman Street, Highland Street & Lyman Street, Fayette Street & Lyman Street and Waltham Street & Lyman Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve the street closure and send the request for the removal of railroad tracks to the Engineering Department; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-256)

Notice of Violation for the property located at 1411 – 150th Street. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, requested this matter be moved to the end of the meeting.

Rental registration hearing for the property located at 6368 Maryland Avenue. Property manager, Ms. Karen Miller, appears and said it was initially owner occupied but is now a rental. Ms. Kantar advised rental registration has not been paid from 2013 through 2016. Ms. Miller said 6368 Maryland Avenue was used by the homeowners to shower as they had water problems at another address where they were living towards the beginning of 2015 but prior had been living there full time. Ms. Miller then said the owners had bought a property on State Line Avenue. Ms. Kantar said their water bill was sent to an address in Chicago. Ms. Miller responded that was a business address of one (1) of the owners. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to send the property owners notification to appear personally at meeting on May 12, 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-257)

Rental registration hearing for the property located at 2206 – 167th Street. Property owner appears and said he lives at this address currently and in 2015 a relative lived there. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee for 2016, assess rental registration at \$5 per unit and have the property owner complete an affidavit for 2015; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-258)

Rental registration hearing for the property located at 6942 Hohman Avenue. Property owner, also owner of prior property, appears. Ms. Kantar advised rental registration for 2015 and 2016 is due. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to assess the late fee of \$500 for 2015 with rental registration of \$5 per unit and to waive the late fee for 2016 with rental registration at \$5 per unit; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-259)

Rental registration hearing for the property located at 6618 Nevada Avenue. Property owner appears and said prior to 2015 he lived at the property. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to assess the late fee of \$500 for 2015 with rental registration of \$5 per unit and waive the late fee for 2016 with rental registration at \$5 per unit; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-260)

Rental registration hearing for the properties located at 4722 Pine Avenue and 4724 Pine Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar requested the late fee be waived with rental registration due at \$5 per unit for 2015. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-261)

Rental registration hearing for the property located at 2949 Orchard Drive. Property owner appears, said a relative lives at the address and that he sometimes stays there. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and have the property owner complete an affidavit regarding the relative living at the property; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-262)

Interlocal Governmental Agreement between the City of Hammond, Indiana/City of Hammond, Board of Public Works and Safety and the City of Hammond by and through its Redevelopment Commission regarding the property located at 5748-5750 Northcote Avenue, Hammond, Indiana, submitted for approval. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be sent back to Redevelopment as it is not signed by the Redevelopment Commission and the Board has no knowledge of who drafted the agreement. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to defer action on this matter until the agreement is signed by Redevelopment and a Redevelopment member appear at a Board of Public Works and Safety meeting to explain the agreement's necessity; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-263)

Right of Encroachment into Public Right-of-Way with AutoZone, Inc. regarding a sign for the AutoZone store located at 4418 Calumet Avenue, submitted for approval. Mr. Dostatni and Ms. Kantar said the City cannot grant an encroachment on Calumet Avenue as it is a State highway. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to send the encroachment back to Planning; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-264)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision for the property located at 7031 Knickerbocker Parkway. Ms. Kantar requested the Board affirm this Finding. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-265)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision for the properties located at 5 Elizabeth Street, 11 Elizabeth Street, 513 Mulberry Street and 4 Carroll Street. Ms. Kantar requested the Board affirm the Finding. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-266)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 833 Wilcox Street submitted for approval. Ms. Kantar said this property had been on the demolition list. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-267)

Correspondence received from JM Industrial Services, Inc. requesting the closure of one (1) north bound lane on Kennedy Avenue and one (1) west bound lane on 165th Street on Monday, May 2, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the demolition work at 6433-6449 Kennedy Avenue.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-268)

Correspondence received from Valentin Quintero requesting a pedestrian/bike path on 136th Street due to possible danger for pedestrian walking to the bike trail. Mr. Dostatni said there are wetland issues in this area and requested this matter be sent to the Engineering Department. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to the Engineering Department; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-269)

Correspondence received from Ms. Carla Stanley requesting another rental registration hearing for property located at 829 Morris Street that was missed due to medical circumstances. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for rehearing on May 12, 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-270)

Hearing on property located at 1411 150th Street, letter "I" from earlier in the meeting was now heard. Attorney Marco Molina, attorney for the property owner, fails to appear. Mr. Rich Castro, Inspector, Inspections Department, appears and said the property is an unauthorized two (2) unit, marked "Uninhabitable", inadequate fire separation and has evidence of people living there currently. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be rescheduled. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to May 12, 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-271)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set these matters for hearing on June 2, 2016; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-272)

Disposal Authorizations submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-273)

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-274)

Matters from Other Department Heads/Their Representatives, Ms. Kantar requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish property located at 6436 Forest Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 16-275)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Reverend Santiago Gamez requested any follow up information regarding the lot next to his home on Ann Avenue. Mr. Margraf directed Reverend Gamez to contact Mr. Gleason at Public Works.

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 9:58 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary