BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2016

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, May 5, 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 approve the minutes of the meetings of October 1, 2015, October 8, 2015, October 15, 2015 and October 22, 2015 meetings; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – 3rd District Local Street Project – Walter Avenue Reconstruction. Bids received as follows:

Walsh & Kelly, Inc.	$553,665.99
Gatlin Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	$580,000.00
Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc.	$595,450.00
Hasse Construction Co., Inc.	$624,749.00
Rex Construction Co., Inc.	$566,921.37
Grimmer Construction, Inc.	$558,964.23
Gariup Construction	$837,500.00

Motion by Ms. Garay to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2857)

Bid opening – 6th District Local Street Project – Street, Sewer and Sidewalk Improvements – Orchard Drive – Kennedy Avenue to Arkansas Avenue. Bids received as follows:

Walsh & Kelly, Inc.	$696,341.67
Gatling Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	$707,000.00
Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc.	$741,200.00
Hasse Construction Co., Inc.	$736,664.30
Rex Construction Co., Inc.	$695,666.55
Grimmer Construction Co, Inc.	$696,613.77
Gariup Construction	$747,900.00

Motion by Ms. Garay to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 3827)

Correspondence received from Norfolk Southern requesting permission to close Osborn Avenue for 4 – 5 hours on May 3, 2016 beginning at 8:00 a.m. for rail crossing repair. Mr. Dostatni said the closure is to allow time to repair two (2) defective rails. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-277)

Correspondence received from Norfolk Southern requesting an extension of the closure on

165th Street to May 18, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-278)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting $10,000 be allocated to the Engineering Department for patch work to be done on Highland Street and Rhode Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-279)

Title VI Plan/Nondiscrimination Agreement submitted for approval. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, advised that the agreement is a requirement in order to receive federal monies. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-280)

Blight Elimination Program public hearing. Attorney Nicole Bennett, for United Neighborhoods, Inc. and the Redevelopment Commission, appears and said the public hearing notice lists properties to be accepted in to the Blight Elimination Program. Attorney Kevin Smith also appeared for the City of Hammond. Mr. Dostatni asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak on any of the properties listed in the Blight Elimination Program notice. There was no response from the audience. Mr. Dostatni closed the public hearing. (Ins. No. 16-276)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith submitting the resignation letter from Senior Captain Roy Perez requesting he be placed on the Pension Rolls of the Hammond Fire Department effective May 6, 2016 and requesting approval of the promotions of Captain Robert Bukowski to Senior Captain, Engineer Eric Berdine to the rank of Captain and Private John Cory, III to the rank of Engineer effective May 5, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-281)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4324 Wabash Avenue. Property owner appears by a representative of Rose Real Estate who said 2015 was not paid due to an oversight on their part and that the property owner lives in New Jersey. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2015; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-282)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6832 Olcott Avenue. Property owner appears by a representative of Rose Real Estate who said 2015 was not paid due to an oversight on their part and that the property owner lives out of state. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2015; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-283)

Rental registration heating on property located at 632 Sibley Street. Property owner appears and said he had contract sold the property to the tenant in 2013but the tenant could not pay the taxes so he took the property back. Ms. Kantar advised that 2014 and 2015 were not paid. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee but assess rental registration at $80 per unit for 2014 and $5 per unit for 2015; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-284)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Ms. Garay to set these matters for hearing on June 16, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-285)

Bid recommendation for demolitions received from Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections. Bid recommendations made as follows: 651 – 119th Street to Iesco Construction, 1512 125th Street to Iesco Construction, 1106 169th Place to JM Industrial Services, 917 174thStreet to Iesco Construction, 4608 Cameron Avenue to Iesco Construction, 2638 Cleveland Street (garage only) to JM Industrial Services, 2640 Cleveland Street (garage only), 511 Conkey Street (garage only) and 6201 Hohman Avenue are demolished, 4548 Hohman Avenue to Iesco Construction, 7531 Jackson Avenue to Iesco Construction, 4905 Linden Avenue to Iesco Construction, 47 Mason Street to American Deconstruction, 1115 Moss Street (rear house only) to JM Industrial Services, 6618 Ohio Avenue (garage only) to JM Industrial Services, 1557 River Drive North (garage only) has been demolished4446 Sheffield Avenue to JM Industrial Services and 1134 Sibley Street, 7409 Southeastern Avenue, 909 State Street, 1155 Summer Street (garage only), 840 Truman Street, 6 Williams Street (house and garage), 838 Willow Court, 842 Willow Court and 5424 Wood Avenue to IESCO Construction. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-286)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish regarding the property located at 531 Cherry Street. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, advised this property had previously been on the demolition list. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-287)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 838 Willow Court. Ms. Kantar said this property had also been on the demolition list. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-288)

Contract for Demolition Services with IESCO Construction for demolition of 909 Bauer Street. Mr. Dostatni said the cost to the City will be $4,350. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-289)

Interlocal Governmental Agreement Between the City of Hammond, Indiana/City of Hammond Board of Public Works & Safety and the City of Hammond by and Through its Redevelopment Commission. Motion by Ms. Garay to defer this matter as the Agreement must be signed by the Redevelopment Commission prior to it coming before the Board; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-290)

License Agreement with Do All Village, Inc. for environmental monitoring at 837 Hoffman Street. Mr. Dostatni said this property is close to a school and due to the type of monitoring that will be done sidewalks will have be closed. Motion by Mr. Margraf to defer this matter; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-291)

Order confirmation and restatement of telephone numbers covered under the contract with First Communications for City Hall. Ms. Kantar said this is an attachment to the contract. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-292)

Correspondence received from the First Baptist Church of Hammond requesting closure of Oakley Street from Sibley Street to Willow Court and Oakley Street to State Street to the parking lot of the Hammond Public Library and Oakley to State Street to the bridge on Hohman Avenue from 4:00 p.m., Monday, July 11, 2016 to 10:00 p.m. Thursday, July 14, 2016 for their annual teen conference. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-293)

Correspondence received from Leon's Triathlon requesting road closures on June 5, 2016 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon for the bicycle and running portion of the annual triathlon. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-294)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-295)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received recommendations for consulting engineering firms interested in performing work for the City from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, to 1st Group Engineering, United Engineering, DLZ, SEH of Indiana, Nies and VS Engineering, with council districts to be assigned at a later date. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-296)

Mr. Dostatni also received an Agreement for Patrol and Enforcement by the Hammond Police Department of Posted Parking Restrictions at the Gateway Promenade. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-287)

Correspondence received from Mr. Andy Perillo, property owner of 1020 Becker Street, requesting a hearing regarding late rental registration. Motion by Ms. Garay to set this matter for June 16, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-298)

Request received regarding the placement of "No Parking This Side" on the 7100 and 7200 blocks of Baring Parkway. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-299)

Under Matters from Other Department Head/Their Representatives, Ms. Kantar requested the hearing on property located at 705 – 705 Kane Street be set for July 14, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, regarding the

placement requirements for "Handicap Parking" signs on the 5200 block of Ann Avenue. Ms. Garay requested a copy of this correspondence be sent to Reverend Gamez of the 5200 block of Ann Avenue. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 16-300)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Ms. Annette Rogers, a property preservation contractor, said her clients want to rehabilitate the property located at 6817 Baring Avenue which has been ordered demolished. Ms. Kantar responded that the property was ordered demolished, a contract for demolition has been signed and permits issued. Ms. Kantar then said she received no response to an email she sent on April 8, 2016 to Ms. Rogers. Ms. Rogers said that she did receive the email. Ms. Kantar then said there are animal feces over the entire house, that NIPSCO has been cut and water service has probably been shut off. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said the property is an illegal two (2) unit, permits have been issued and a contract for demolition has been signed. Motion by Ms. Garay to deny the request for rehabilitation of property and to proceed with demolition; 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 9:32 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:_____
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary