

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2016

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 12, 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 defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 29, 2015; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – Demolition of 4608 Cameron Avenue, 4639 Hickory Avenue and 5639 Sohl Avenue. Bids received as follows:

Actin Contracting, LLC	\$9,825
JM Industrial Services, Inc.	\$9,850

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

Agreement with First Group Engineering, Inc. for engineering services in the 4th District Road Reconstruction Project – Van Buren Street from 174th Street to 175th Street. Mr. Dostatni advised the agreement is for design engineering at a cost of \$51,000. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-301)

Agreement with First Group Engineering, Inc. for engineering services in the 4th District Street Lighting Project – 1500 – 1600 block of 180th Place, 200 block of 169th Street, Van Buren Avenue from 169th Street to 173rd Street and Oakdale Avenue from 171st Street to I80/94. Mr. Dostatni advised this is for design engineering at a cost of \$84,680. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-302)

Agreement with United Consulting for engineering services in the Delmar Avenue Lighting Project – River Drive to 177th Street, Belmont Avenue Lighting Project – River Drive to 177th Street, Beech Avenue Lighting Project – 176th Place to 174th Street and Lindberg Avenue Lighting Project – 173rd Street to 169th Street. Mr. Dostatni said the agreement is for design engineering at a cost of \$74,000. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-303)

Bid recommendation received from Nies Engineering, Inc. for the Walter Avenue Reconstruction Project - Carroll Street to Thornton Street to Walsh & Kelly, Inc., low bidder at \$553,665. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-304)

Agreement with Nies Engineering, Inc. for construction observation in the 3rd District Local Street Construction – Walter Avenue from Carroll Street to Thornton Street – at a cost of \$59,580. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-305)

Bid recommendation received from SEH of Indiana for the Orchard Drive Reconstruction Project to Rex Construction Co., Inc. low bidder at \$695,666. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-306)

Correspondence received from Byers Engineering requesting permission to place fiber equipment in the City on May 23, 2016. Mr. Dostatni said the work should take approximately five (5) hours to run the equipment through the Chicago Street corridor. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-307)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 2421 173rd Street and 4521 Hohman Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-308)

Correspondence received from Area Plumbing & Sewer requesting permission to street cut in front of 4721 Cedar Avenue on May 13, 2016 for sink hole repair. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-309)

Correspondence received from Construction-CAD Solutions, Inc. requesting permission to install fiber optic cable underground and right of entry for aerial installation of fiber optic cable on NIPSCO poles. Motion by Ms. Garay subject to receiving a signed copy; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-310)

License Agreement with Do-All Village, Inc., 837 Hoffman Street, for environmental testing. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve subject to coordination of sidewalk closure with the Engineering Department and Environmental Management; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-311)

Correspondence received from Enviroforensics requesting permission to access alleys to the north and south of 837 Hoffman Street, Do-All Village, Inc. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve subject to maintaining access at the site; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-312)

Disposal Authorizations submitted by the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-313)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, requesting approval of the purchase of a John Deere Gator and John Deere Z Trac from Castongia Tractor. Mr. Dostatni advised the cost is under the formal bid amount. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-314)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1411 150th Street. Property owner and Attorney Marco Molina appear. Mr. Rich Novak, Inspector, Inspections Department, and Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, appear. Mr. Molina said the property owner has a contract for repair and will bring the property to code. Mr. Kearney said he has inspected the property and found progress is being made. Mr. Novak requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order. Motion by

Ms. Garay to affirm the Findings and Order; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-315)

Motion to Vacate Order for Demolition or Emergency Motion to Stay Order for Demolition of property located at 6817 Baring Avenue submitted by Attorney Jennifer L. Fisher. Attorney Jennifer L. Fisher appears on behalf of the property owners. Ms. Fisher said the property owners would like to bring the property to code. Mr. Kearney said the property is an illegal two (2) unit and that due to the amount of cat feces covering the interior of the property he will not allow an inspector to go in. Ms. Kantar said a demolition order and permits have already been issued. Ms. Fisher requested a two (2) week stay of the demolition order. Mr. Dostatni said no one has appeared for the property prior to Ms. Fisher today. Motion by Ms. Garay to deny the Motion to Vacate Order for Demolition or Emergency Motion to Stay Order for Demolition; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-316)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 829 Morris Street. Property owner appears by a friend who brought a letter from the owner. Mr. Dostatni asked if the property was single family to which the friend said he did not know. Ms. Kantar read the letter which referred to the location being possibly a two (2) unit. Mr. Kearney requested this matter be deferred to allow time to have an inspector check on the number of units at this address. Motion by Ms. Garay to; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-317)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6606 Harrison Avenue. Property owner appears and said she forgot to pay the fee. Ms. Kantar said rental registration was paid in 2009 and 2010 but not since. Motion by Ms. Garay to impose the late fee of \$500 and rental registration of \$80 per unit for the years of 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 and \$5 per unit for the year 2015; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-318)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6368 Maryland Avenue. Property owner appears and Mr. Jaime Prieto, Code Enforcement Commissioner. Mr. Prieto said the property owner has been living at this address until she got married and moved in with her husband at another address in Hammond. Mr. Prieto then said the water bill shows no consumption during the time and requested this matter be dismissed. Motion by Ms. Garay to dismiss this action; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-319)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6946 Alabama Avenue (rear) and 7449 Alabama Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar advised rental registration for 6946 has been paid. Motion by Ms. Gary to deny the appeal for property located at 7449 Alabama Avenue and assess the late fee of \$500 for 2014 and \$500 for 2015 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. 16-320)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Ms. Garay to set these matters for hearing on June 23, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-321)

Agreements to Rehabilitate 4246 Wabash Avenue – First Amendment and 4248 Wabash –

First Amendment. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-322)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision regarding property located at 4822 Pine Avenue and 4724 Pine Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-323)

Orders to Rescind Orders to Demolish property located at 1557 Rive Drive (garage only) and 7340 New Hampshire Avenue. Ms. Kantar advised the garage at 1557 River Drive has been demolished and property at 7340 New Hampshire Avenue has been rehabbed. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-324)

Request to reduce bond amount on property located at 840 Eaton Street. Property owner appears and said he has been having issues with obtaining the \$10,000 bond required. Ms. Kantar said instead of the bond, the property owner can give a \$5,000 cash bond. Motion by Ms. Garay to reduce the bond amount to \$5,000; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-325)

Correspondence received from the Lake County Solid Waste Management District regarding the Modification of the Environmental Education Center in Hammond. Mr. Dostatni said he has spoken with a representative of the District who said the cost will be paid by the District. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve subject to having permits for work to be done as well as having inspections conducted; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-326)

Correspondence received from Hammond Parks & Recreation requesting approval of the route for the 2016 Festival of the Lakes 5K Run and lane closures. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-327)

Correspondence received from HC3 Board of Directors requesting permission to hold a sidewalk sale, festival, parade, beer garden and food sales at the Live in the Ville Fest, June 11, 2016, June 18, 2016 and June 25, 2016 with street closures, speed reduction, placement of signage, police presence and temporary stop signs. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-328)

Correspondence received from Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church requesting permission to close Ben Levin Drive and Meadow Lane, Friday, June 10, 2016 to Monday, June 13, 2016, barricades and snow fence for their annual church festival. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-329)

Correspondence received from Northgate Church requesting the alley behind and adjacent to the church located at 2820 165th Street be closed from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on June 3, 2016, June 10, 2016, June 17, 2016 and June 24, 2016 for their "Junerosity" event. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-330)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Public Library requesting permission to post banners on Hohman Avenue and Calumet Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve subject to

review by Street Lighting and Zoning; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-331)

Correspondence received from a Very Concerned Hammond Senior Resident requesting action be taken on vehicles parking on both sides of the 7400 block of Harrison Avenue, vehicles not stopping at the stop sign at 175th Street and Harrison Avenue, garbage in the alley and grass not being mowed. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this correspondence to Public Works, Inspection Department and the Hammond Police Department; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-332)

Ms. Kantar requested the Board go back to the request from the HC3 Board of Directors. Ms. Kantar asked if any part of Kennedy Avenue was requested to be closed. Mr. Gleason said that Kennedy Avenue will be closed during the time there is a parade by EMA which was done last year. Mr. Dostatni then requested the first action taken on the Live in the Ville Fest be rescinded and notify the HC3 Board of Directors to contact Mr. Gleason in order to give more specific requests. Motion by Ms. Garay to have the HC3 Board of Directors to contact Mr. Gleason to give specific requests to the Board; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Garage Sales Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-333)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs said he received a letter regarding the condition of property at the corner of 169th Street and Reverend Burns Drive. Mr. Keaney said a court order for a cut and clean will be needed before any work can be done there as it is private property.

Mr. Higgs then requested the property owner of the house on the 900 block of May Street that has a fallen tree on the property either cited or have the tree removed.

Mr. Higgs then said he has twice personally paid to have the property at 838 Carroll Street cleaned. Ms. Garay said that property is on the Blight Elimination Program and should be demolished soon.

Mr. Higgs then said he had submitted a request for street closure for the basketball tournament he sponsors. Mr. Dostatni said that request was approved last week.

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 9:57 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary