BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, September 15, 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 April 28, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Agreement with First Group Engineering, Inc. for engineering services for the Calumet Avenue and River Drive Project, No. 16-0066. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-690)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, recommending HAWK Signal Equipment be awarded to the low bidder, Traffic Control Corporation. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-691)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, recommending HAWK signal installation be awarded to low bidder Midwestern Electric, Inc. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-692)

Correspondence received from First Group Engineering, Inc. recommending the award for Mast Arm Signal Poles to Midwestern Electric, Inc., low bidder. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-693)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Police Department submitting approvals for street closures and block parties. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-694)

License Agreement with Atlantic Richfield Col and its representative Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for property located at Roosevelt Street and White Oak Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-695)

Environmental Restrictive Covenant for property located near the intersection of 127th Street and New York Avenue. Mr. Ron Novak, Director, Hammond Department of Environmental Management, said this is continuation of testing pipelines that run across the Grand Calumet River. . Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-696)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 4206 Columbia Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve subject to approval by the Engineering

Department; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-697)

Sale Agreement and Appraisal for property located at 4718 Cameron Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-698)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 825 Merrill Street and 1016 Drackert Street. Property owner appears, said he daughter lives at 1016 Drackert Street and the other is a rental. Motion by Ms. Garay to have the property owner complete an affidavit regarding 1016 Drackert Street and to waive the late fee for 825 Merrill Street and assess rental registration for 2015 and 2016 of $5 per unit; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-699)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dale Parrish requesting a stop sign at the corner of Lyons Street and Howard Avenue due to an increasing number of children and a speed limit signs be placed along Lyons Street. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-700)

Correspondence received from Mr. Brian Miller, Director of Public Safety, Purdue University Northwest, requesting permission to place a dumpster as needed for property located at 7040 Indianapolis Boulevard and 7026 – 7034 Indianapolis Boulevard as Purdue has purchased the properties and intends to upgrade and remodel. Motion by Mr. Margraf to approve dumpsters being placed in the alley flush with the building; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-701)

Correspondence received from Attorney James Foster requesting the status hearing on property located at 4839 Elm Avenue, currently scheduled for September 22, 2016, be continued to a coordinated date in October. Ms. Kantar requested that if the Board does continue this hearing, Mr. Foster be informed that it is a final continuance. Motion by Ms. Garay to continue this matter to October 20, 2016 with the Board sending a letter to Mr. Foster advising this is a final continuance; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-702)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Public Library requesting banners be removed and new banners be installed. Motion by Ms. Garay to approved the placement of new banners at the Hammond Public Library's expense; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-703)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Ms. Garary to set these matters for hearing on October 6, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-704)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-705)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Ms. Mary Ellen Slazyk, said she has family members who would like to purchase 505 Highland Street which is currently set to be demolished. Ms. Slayzk then said it was a beautiful house, it needs to be made a home again and she does not want to see any more empty lots. Ms. Kantar said it is set to be demolished but the bank has requested an inspection.

Mr. Dale Parrish said his request for a stop sign is needed as well as a stop at the location as there are a number of children in the neighborhood.

A friend of the property owner of 4834 Hickory Avenue requested the "No Parking in Driveway" sign that was taken down when NIPSCO replaced the pole be reinstalled as well as the lighting as it is dark in the area and needs to be reinstalled. Ms. Garary advised that the City may be having decorative lighting installed and that he should check with the Engineering Department and that department can check on the "No Parking in Driveway" sign.

Final Extension – Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 1116 Moss Street. Ms. Kantar said all work must be completed by December 1, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-706)

Correspondence received from Mr. Ramiro Jimenez, Events Manager for 18th Street Brewery, requested use of the City's parking lot on Russell Street for an event being held on September 15, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-707)

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Garay to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:_____
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary