

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2017, 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 January 12, 20147; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Agreement with First Group Engineering, Inc. for engineering services in the Street Lighting Project on 173rd Place from Calumet Avenue to Tapper Avenue, 170th Place from Tapper Avenue to Columbia Avenue and Jefferson Avenue from East Locust Street to 165th Street. Mr. Dostatni said this work in the 4th District will be done at a cost to the City of \$29,000. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-021)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the reassignment of Sergeant Thomas Sawyer from Community Affairs Division to the Uniform Division and the reassignment of Officer Jason Quick from the Uniform Division to Support Services, with relinquishment of ET Specialty Pay. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-022)

Software Licensing Agreement with Image Trend and the Hammond Fire Department. Mr. Margraf said this agreement will allow accurate data to be given to the company that does billing for the EMS service and be compliant with the State guidelines. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-023)

Contract with AT&T for telephone service at various City buildings. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, advised that the contract is an extension of the original telephone contract. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-024)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7232 Marshall Avenue and 7109 Arizona Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Rakesh Kumar, appears, said he bought 7232 Marshall Avenue in 2016 and rented it in October of this year and 7109 Arizona Avenue was not rented until August of 2016. Mr. Kumar said he has an affidavit that he completed and turned into Code Enforcement regarding both properties when he purchased them advising the properties were vacant. Ms. Kantar asked Mr. Kumar how many properties he owned in Hammond. Mr. Kumar responded that he currently owns nine (9) properties in the City. Ms. Kantar then asked if he received the nuisance letter she sent him to which he replied that he had. Ms. Kantar said Mr. Kumar is a professional landlord and said the affidavit he has, regarding vacancy of the properties, is good for thirty (30) days after the property is rented and sometime within those days the property must be registered but neither was. Motion by Ms. Garay to impose one (1) late fee of \$500 with rental registration of \$5 per unit for both addresses; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-025)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 6239 Monroe Avenue – Final Amendment. Ms. Kantar said there is slow rehab occurring and this is the last extension. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-026)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 6633 Alexander Avenue. Ms. Kantar advised the demolition has been completed and the lien has been paid by the bank. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-027)

Mr. Dostatni recognized Councilman Anthony Higgs and Councilwoman Janet Venecz in the audience.

Agreement with Smith Sersic for legal services. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-028)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Ms. Garay to set this matter for February 16, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-029)

Amusement Device listing for the week of January 16, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-030)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Councilman Anthony Higgs requested directive from the Board regarding a request he made to Public Works regarding having a tree cut down. Mr. Higgs said he received a response from Public Works Director, Mr. Gary Gleason, who said the tree is too large for the City to cut and an outside tree service will need to be hired. Ms. Garay said in the past the councilperson allotted district gaming money to pay for the service and advise the Board of the transfer of funds. Ms. Garay told Mr. Higgs that he should contact Mr. Gleason to obtain quotes to remove the tree.

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 9:17 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary