

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2017**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, February 23, 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 approve the minutes of the meeting of December 8, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening -2017 Hammond and Whiting Resurfacing Program.

Walsh & Kelly, Inc.	\$1,799,500.00
Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,961,590.00

Motion by Ms. Garay to refer to Engineering for bid tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4042)

Resolution of the Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Hammond, Indiana, Authorizing the Conveyance of Land Interests in Support of the Hammond Chicago Street Improvement Project. Attorney Kantar states this is a mirror Resolution from NICTD. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4047) (Ins. No. 17-097)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty submitting the resignation of Officer Justin Palas from the Hammond Police Department effective March 4, 2017, approval of CFI Specialty Pay to Officer Daniel Sangkaratana, retroactive to August 14, 2015, the date of certification for becoming a firearms instructor and Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17- 098)

Mr. Dostatni recognizes Councilwoman Janet Venecz in the audience.

Hearing on property located at 701 and 705 Kane Street. Inspector Castro requests a continuance. Motion by Ms. Garay to set for status on March 16, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-099)

Attorney Kevin Smith appears for the City of Hammond and stated all parties have been properly notified of the following demolition hearings.

Demolition hearing on property located at 2421 169th Street Mr. Smith received a fax from Attorney Curtis Vosti, for the property owner, requesting the rehabilitation agreement be extended as his clients have permits pulled for windows and inside construction. Mr. Smith requested this matter be continued to April 13, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6219 Calumet Avenue. Mr. Smith said the property was self-demolished by the property owner and requested the City dismiss this action. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6129 – 31 Calumet Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said this is a commercial property, a rehabilitation agreement was entered which expires this spring but no repairs have been made. Ms. Smith then said this property will be added to the demolition bid list for April of 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6005 – 6011 Columbia Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said repairs are being made and requested this property be removed from the demolition list with Inspections to monitor repairs. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 840 Eaton Street. Attorney Robert Sorge appears for the new property owner, Mr. Rafael Garcia, who is making repairs. Mr. Smith requested this property be removed from the demolition list and Inspections to monitor repairs. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 47 Mason Street. Mr. Smith said the rehabilitation agreement expires on March 1, 2017, there is no extension of the agreement unless an inspection is completed per the Board. Mr. Smith then said the owner has not allowed an inspection to be done and Mr. Smith requested demolition proceed. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 850 Mulberry Street (rear). New property owner, Mr. Chris Rhodes, appears. Mr. Smith said the property will need to be inspected and an agreement to rehab signed by the owner. Mr. Smith then requested this matter be continued for status on April 13, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4409 Johnson Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said the property is open to the elements, no repairs have been made and requested this property be a new demolition on April 27, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7761 New Hampshire Avenue. Attorney Robert Sorge appears for the property owner, Mr. James Hohenberger, and said the owner has posted a bond and pulled permits. Mr. Smith requested this matter be set for status on March 23, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4407 Sheffield Avenue, 4409 – 11 Sheffield Avenue and 4401 – 03 Sheffield Avenue. Attorney Robert Sorge appears for the property owner and said progress is being made. Mr. Smith requested this matter be continued to April 13, 2017 for

status of repair. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1408 Sherman Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said a demo inspection has been done but there has been no request for a rehab agreement. Mr. Smith then requested the Board enter to Order to Demolish. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7450 Southeastern Avenue. Property owner appears and said repairs are almost completed. Mr. Smith said there is still a homestead exemption on the property, the demolition order will not be rescinded until the exemption is removed and requested this matter be set for status on April 13, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 833 Wilcox Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith said there is progress being made and requested this matter be set for status on April 13, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearings at (Ins. No. 17-100)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6329 Maryland Avenue. Owner present. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive late fee and register for 2014, 2015 and 2016 for a total of \$90; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-101)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 920 177th Place. Owner Alexander Ruiz appears and requests more time. Inspector Ferrell states the basement needs to be removed and requests the board to affirm order. Motion by Ms. Garay to affirm Findings & Order; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-102)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4113 Dearborn Avenue. Inspector Ferrell states this is owner occupied but requests a deed restriction regarding the basement. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve the request for deed restriction; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-103)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4406 Torrence Avenue. Inspector Ferrell requests a continuance. Motion by Ms. Garay to continue to March 9, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-104)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1650 Myrtle Avenue. Inspector Ferrell requests a continuance. Motion by Ms. Garay to continue to March 9, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-105)

Request to have late fee waived on property located at 7973 White Oak Avenue. Owner Edward Halper appears and asks for leniency regarding the late fee because he did not pay within 30 days. Commissioner Jaime Prieto said there have been no police calls to the property. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee for 2015 and 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion

carried. (Ins. No. 17-106)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 6857 Kennedy Avenue. Ms. Kantar indicates this is the old car wash which was self-demolished. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-107)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 2545 171st Street. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-108)

Contract for Demolition Services with Actin Contracting, LLC for property located at 1535 – 37 174th Street. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-109)

Correspondence received from Norm's Plumbing & Heating, Inc. requesting permission for road closure on February 27 and 28, 2017 on 169th Street by Korellis Roofing to open street to repair shut off box and service line to the building. Mr. Dostatni states they will try to complete this project without lane closures and will work with Engineering. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve subject to Engineering review and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-110)

Under Matters from Board Members, Ms. Garay states she has checked with the State Board of Accounts on how to handle the request for specialty pay for Officer Sangkaratana. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried

Mr. Dostatni states we have a utility agreement for Chicago Avenue with a deadline of March 1, 2017, which has not been fully executed by the Water Department. Mr. Button stated they will have it signed tonight. Ms. Kantar indicates her concern that they will not be signed within the time frame. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve subject to signatures prior to March 1, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-111)

Mr. Dostatni acknowledges the police disciplinary action. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-112)

Mr. Dostatni acknowledges the request from Councilman Woerpel to provide money for two tree removals on Magoun Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-113)

Under Old Business, Mr. Dostatni acknowledges the letter from Ms. Dawn Tomich requesting fireworks at the Civic Center for a wedding. Attorney Kantar said a certificate of liability insurance will need to be provided Motion by Ms. Garay to defer action; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-114)

Mr. Dostatni acknowledges the approval of the plat of subdivision for the Luke – 179<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-115)

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 9:39 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette