

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, March 2, 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 meetings December 1, 2016, December 8, 2016, December 15, 2016, December 22, 2016, December 29, 2016 and January 5, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – 2017 Hammond and Whiting Sidewalk Program. Bids received as follows:

J&J Newell Concrete Contractors, Inc.	\$373,355
Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$611,790
Gariup Construction Co., Inc.	\$571,600

Motion by Ms. Garay to refer the bids to the Engineering Department for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4043)

Agreement with First Group Engineering, Inc. for general engineering services. Mr. Dostatni advised there is a \$20,000 cap in cost. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 1116)

Bid recommendation received from Nies Engineering, Inc. for the 2017 Hammond and Whiting Resurfacing Program to Walsh & Kelly, Inc. low bidder at \$1,799,500. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-117)

Correspondence received from Norfolk Southern Railroad requesting permission to close Oakley Avenue, Sibley Street, State Street and Willow Court at the same time for rail repair. Mr. Margraf requested this matter be deferred as this will need to be reviewed by the Fire Department and specific dates given by the railroad. Motion by Ms. Garay to defer this matter; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-118)

Correspondence received from CSX advising that the railroad crossing on Sheffield Avenue is scheduled for repair during the spring of 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay to defer this matter until a specific date is given by the railroad; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-119)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty advising of the resignation of Officer Richard Simpson, effective March 10, 2017, the relinquishment of ET Specialty Pay to Officer Travis Wheatley effective February 23, 2017, the relinquishment of K-9 Specialty Pay to Officer Daniel Rodriguez, effective February 26, 2017, the promotion of Officer Dan Rodriguez and

Officer Robert Trost to the rank of Master Sergeant, effective February 27, 2017, the demotion of Officer Michael Danko from the rank of Master Sergeant to Sergeant, effective February 26, 2017, the relinquishment of ET Specialty Pay to Officer Robert Trost, effective February 26, 2017 and Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-120)

Blight Eliminations Program (BEP) – Round One and Round Two – public hearing. Attorney Nicole Bennett appears, said she has been working with the Blight Elimination Program, Redevelopment and United Neighborhoods, Inc. in regard to the demolition of the properties in Rounds One and Two. Ms. Bennett asked if there was anyone in the audience that wanted to remonstrate, and there being no one, Ms. Bennett said the BEP will move forward. Ms. Bennett closed the public hearing. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve the properties for demolition; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-121)

Hearing on denial of Auto Business License – House of Cars 2, LLC. Mr. Alan Timbaland, applicant for the business license, fails to appear. Motion by Ms. Garay to affirm the denial of a business license; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-122)

Correspondence received from 1st District Councilman Mark Kalwinski allocating \$164,000 of gaming money to the Park Department for various improvements. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve subject to the Mayor's signature; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-123)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6435 New Hampshire Avenue. Property owner and property manager appear, said the property was bought in September of 2015 and did not rent it until September of 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-124)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Ms. Garay to set these matters for hearing on April 6, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-125)

Correspondence received from Attorney Gary Matthews requesting the Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 2042 Wespark Avenue be continued for thirty (30) to sixty (60) days. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections, said he had no objections to the continuance. Motion by Ms. Garay to continue this matter to April 13, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-126)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1334 Lakeview Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Farrell, Inspector, requested the Board affirm the Findings as presented which call for the removal of the illegal cellar bedroom. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-127)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 2139 Lake Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Farrell requested a deed restriction stating the second floor apartment only be

occupied by immediate family members. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve the Restriction on Use of Property; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-128)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 7345 Chestnut Avenue. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, advised the rehabilitation of the property is now complete. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-129)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 7534 Woodlawn Avenue. Mr. Kearney said repairs are complete. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-130)

Correspondence regarding the Monon bridge over the Calumet River. Correspondence from the Real Estate Department of CSX Transportation regarding the Monon Bridge. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, requested this correspondence be entered into the Board's records. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 17-131)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Common Council requesting a letter be sent regarding a sewer back up at 33 Condit Street. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, said he was at the Council and as a result went to the address with the Sewer Department. Mr. Button said there is a tree root in the main line of the sewer and has sent Council correspondence regarding the issue. (Ins. No. 17-132)

Correspondence received from the Hammond 10K Charity Run requesting permission to hold the run on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, with route, street closures and traffic control from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-133)

Contract Amendment No. 1 with VS Engineering, Inc. for 2nd District Lighting Design. Mr. Button said there have been two (2) blocks added to this project making the amendment necessary. Ms. Garay advised that Mr. Button needs to obtain a letter from the Councilman addressing the issue of the need for addition funding. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-134)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received an Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 1549 Lake Avenue. Mr. Kearney said that the rehabilitation is complete. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-135)

Mr. Dostatni then said the Horseshoe Casino has contacted the City regarding the CSX railroad tracks on Calumet Avenue regarding the removal of the signal, as they would like to utilize that crossing more often. Mr. Dostatni said the City was not notified of the removal of the signal and requested the Law Department send a letter to CSX regarding the same. Motion by Ms. Garay to have the Law Department send CSX correspondence regarding the removal of the signal; 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 9:30 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary