

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2017**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2017, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Dostatni - absent; Ms. Garay - present; Mr. Margraf- present.

Due to the absence of Mr. Dostatni, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2017 and February 23, 2017; Ms. Garay concurred.

Bid opening – 3rd District Local Street Project – Van Buren Avenue Lighting Improvements – 165th Street to Conkey Street. Bids received as follows:

Hawk Enterprises, Inc.	\$196,975
Midwestern Electric, Inc.	\$170,944

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; Ms. Garay concurred. (Res. No. 2857)

Contract with Walsh & Kelly, Inc. for the 2017 Hammond and Whiting Resurfacing Program. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-221)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, requesting street closure for the Region Riot Criterium bike race to be held Saturday, Mary 13, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-222)

Correspondence received from the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) requesting permission to conduct soil borings on right of ways in the Westlake Corridor. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, said he had no objection. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-223)

Correspondence received from Councilmen Kalwinski, Torres, Higgs, Emerson, Woerpel and Rakos each allocating gaming funds for the 2017 Sidewalk Repair Program. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-224)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the transfer of Officer Richard Howard to the Jail Division, with Chauffeur Warden Specialty Pay, effective November 27, 2016, the transfer of Officer Thomas Sawyer to the Jail Division, with Chauffeur Warden Specialty Pay, effective January 16, 2017, the transfer of Office Daniel Mohoi to the Narcotics Division, with Detective Specialty Pay, effective January 1, 2017 and Disposal Authorizations. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-225)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1044 169th Place. Property owner appears, said she bought the property in April of 2016 and rented it in the summer of 2016. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Code Enforcement Commissioner, requested the late fee be waived. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-226)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4846 Cedar Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kristina Kantar, Corporation Counsel, said this matter was recently in court and a default was entered. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to deny the appeal; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-227)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 5412 Molesberger Place. Property owner appears with his daughter, speaking for him, who said he has owned the property for five (5) years, rented it for the past three (3) years and said he forgot to pay. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for both 2015 and 2016; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-228)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 718 Sibley Street. Property owner appears with his son, speaking for him, who said his mother used to pay the rental registration fee but is becoming forgetful so he has taken over making payments. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2015 and 2016; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-229)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3319 173rd Street. Property owner appears, said he has paid all but 2016. Mr. Prieto said that records he has have other unpaid years and will recheck the information. Mr. Prieto returned and said he had incorrect information and the property owner is correct, only 2016 is unpaid. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2016; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-230)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 914 Field Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-231)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 2721 Cleveland Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-232)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set these matters for May 4, 2017; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-233)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 960 Pearl Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspection Department, requested this matter be continued to May 4, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to May 4, 2017; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-234)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 15 Carroll Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Farrell said there is an illegal basement apartment which the property owner will

remove. Mr. Farrell requested the Board affirm the Findings regarding this property. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-235)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 933 Summer Street. Property owner appears, said an electric inspector was at the property and did not say anything about there being two (2) NIPSCO lines there. Mr. Farrell said the inspector was not there to determine the legality of the property, the inspector was there to make sure the installation was done correctly. Mr. Farrell said there is an illegal cellar and second floor unit which will be removed and requested the Board affirm the Findings. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Ms. Garay. (Ins. No. 17-236)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 264 Lawndale Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Farrell said there is an illegal unit in the property which was built as a single family home and requested the Board affirm the Findings regarding the removal of the illegal unit. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-237)

Correspondence received from Westland & Bennett, PC regarding additional hourly billing for Chicago Street Condemnations. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-238)

Correspondence received from House of Hope Church of God, 1845 Stanton Street, requesting "Church Parking Only – During Church Hours". Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to Public Works; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-239)

Correspondence received from Lakeshore Cal Ripken requesting permission to hold an Opening Night Parade, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28, 2017, with route. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-240)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-241)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf received a letter from the Harris Law Firm, PC regarding legal services to be provided to the City. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-242)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; Ms. Garay concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Garay, Vice President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary