

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2017**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, April 27, 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 Mr. Margraf to approve the minutes of the meetings of March 16, 2017 and March 23, 2017; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – Hohman Avenue Reconstruction Project – Hoffman Street to Huehn Street.  
Bids received as follows:

Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,167,685
Walsh & Kelly, Inc.	\$ 997,304

Motion by Ms. Garay to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4045)

Bid opening – Demolition of 5640 Alice Avenue, 903 Bauer Street (garage only), 6129–31 Calumet Avenue, 4346 Hickory Avenue, 6248 Jackson Avenue, 7608 Linden Avenue, 1408 Sherman Street, 622 Sibley Street, 948 Summer Street and 235 Wildwood Road (two (2) parcels).  
Bids received as follows:

Property Boss	\$ 1,850 – 903 Bauer Street (garage)
	\$ 14,000 – 7608 Linden Avenue
	\$ 15,000 – 1408 Sherman Street
DR Site Services, Inc.	\$126,741 – All bid
IESCO	\$129,200 – No bid 903 Bauer Street
JM Industrial Services, Inc.	\$111,000 – All bid
Actin Contracting, LLC	\$173,890 – All bid
Midway General Construction	\$135,060 – All bid
RSR Demolition	\$144,386 – No bid 903 Bauer Street
Gary Material Supply	\$118,500 – Six of ten bid
Green Demolition Contractors, Inc.	\$216,000 – All bid

Motion by Ms. Garay to refer the bids to the Building Department for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4044)

Notice of Violation on property located at 7847 Indianapolis Boulevard. Property owner fails to appear. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said this is private property by Starbucks but three (3) cars have been damaged there. Ms. Kantar requested this area be repaired by the City and a lien placed on the property taxes for the cost to be recovered from the property owner. Motion

by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-271)

Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Nies Engineering, Inc. for the reconstruction of the Marquette Greenway Hammond Lake Front Park to State Line. Mr. Dostatni said this is a federal project with 80% being paid with federal dollars and 20% being paid by the Port Authority. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-272)

Contract with J&J Newell Concrete Contractors, Inc. for the 2017 Hammond and Whiting Sidewalk Program. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-273)

Construction Inspection Agreement for Kennedy Avenue and 174th Street Intersection Improvements with United Consulting. Mr. Dostatni said this is for a traffic signal project. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-274)

Bid recommendation received from Nies Engineering, Inc. for Montana Avenue Lighting Improvements to Hawk Enterprises, Inc., low bidder at \$209,586. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-275)

Correspondence received from Marathon Pipe Line LLC advising a Closed Interval Survey will be conducted on right-of-ways in the City beginning the week of April 30, 2017 and ending on June 25, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-276)

Correspondence received from K & S Engineers, Inc. advising the start date of the West Lake Corridor Commuter Rail Project is April 21, 2017 with an end date of October 20, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-277)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, requesting "No Parking" at 118 – 144 Ogden Street from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for utility work by Moblitie beginning April 19, 2017 and continuing for one (1) week. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-278)

Request for Permits to conduct work at 6920 Indianapolis Boulevard and 5620 Sohl Street received from Comcast. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-279)

Correspondence received from Mayor Thomas McDermott, Jr. authorizing the allocation of \$150,000 of Mayor's Gaming Funds to the 2017 Sidewalk Program and \$117,697.50 for the 5th District Kennedy Avenue and 174th Street traffic signal project. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-280)

Notice to Owners of Affected Property at 7116 – 48 Southeastern Avenue. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 17-281)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 924 Field Street. Representative of the Belami Group, LLC appears and said he had an inspection completed. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, confirmed an inspection had been completed. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-282)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7320 Madison Avenue. Property owner, Ms. AnJeanette Deal, fails to appear. Mr. William Scheider, current owner, appears and said he bought the property in November of 2016. Ms. Garay noted that this matter has been continued several times and Ms. Deal was the property owner in 2016 until Mr. Scheider purchased it. Motion by Ms. Garay to assess one (1) \$500 late fee and rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2016 to Ms. AnJeanette Deal; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-283)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4712 Torrence Avenue (rear). Property owner appears and said he lives in the front unit and the rear unit was vacant throughout 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay to dismiss this action; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-284)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 48 Warren Street. Property owner appears and said he has paid timely in the past. Mr. Kearney confirmed timely payment on the four (4) unit property. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-285)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2145 ½ Superior Avenue. Property owner appears, said his brother lives in the back house and there is a tenant in the front. Mr. Kearney advised no rental registration has been paid in the years of 2014, 2015 or 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay to assess one (1) late fee of \$500 and rental registration of \$80 per unit for 2014, \$5 per unit for 2015 and \$5 per unit for 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-286)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7130 McCook Avenue. Property owner's niece appears for the property owner, said the owner is 96 years old and he lives in one (1) unit. Mr. Kearney said rental registration has not been paid since 2013. Motion by Ms. Garay to assess one (1) late fee of \$500, rental registration for 2013 at \$80 per unit, \$80 per unit for 2014, \$5 per unit for 2015 and \$5 per unit for 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-287)

Status hearing on property located at 7761 New Hampshire Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Kearney requested this matter be continued to June 15, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay to continue this matter to June 15, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-288)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1914 Clay Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Rich Castro, Inspector, Inspections Department, said there is an illegal basement apartment which the owner is in the process of removing and then requested the Board affirm the

Findings on the property. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-289)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1319 Stanton Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, said he was called by the Water Department due to a broken water line in the basement and was told there were bedrooms in the basement. Mr. Farrell requested the Board affirm the Findings requiring the removal of the basement bedrooms. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-290)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1603 Calumet Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Farrell said the Fire Department found a cellar apartment during a fire call. Mr. Farrell requested the Board affirm the Findings requiring the removal of the cellar apartment. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-291)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 6711 Montana Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Farrell said there are cellar bedrooms which the owner has started to remove and then requested the Board affirm the Findings requiring the removal of the cellar bedrooms. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-292)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Ms. Garay to set these matters for May 25, 2017, June 1, 2017 and June 8, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-293)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty advising Officer Frank Eggers no longer performs the duty of a FTO officer and will relinquish his FTO Specialty Pay effective April 12, 2017, submitting the Petition for Retirement of Lieutenant Michael Bales and Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-294)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision regarding property located at 1221 – 1225 169th Street (two (2) units). Motion by Mr. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-295)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision regarding 1006 170th Place. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-296)

Correspondence received from 6th District Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$15,000 of gaming funds be allocated for Park Department projects in the 6th District. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-297)

Correspondence received from 6th District Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$38,300 be allocated from gaming funds for a traffic study in the 6th District. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-298)

Correspondence received from 5th District Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$30,000 be allocated from gaming funds to the 2017 Overlay Program. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-299)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs requesting ornamental lighting on the 6200 block of Moraine Avenue be repaired or replaced. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-300)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs requesting the sinkhole on the 1100 block of Eaton Street be investigated. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to the Sewer Department; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-301)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs requesting ornamental lighting on the 400 and 500 blocks of Waltham Street. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to the Engineering Department; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-302)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, requesting permission to place “No Parking from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sundays Only” signs in front of a church located at 1845 Stanton Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-303)

Correspondence received from Schererville Parks & Recreation requesting a police escort through the City on Friday, June 23, 2017 commencing at 6:45 a.m. on Gostlin Street at the Indiana – Illinois state line. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve the request and forward to the Police Department; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-304)

Correspondence received from the Downtown Hammond Council requesting permission to place a sign on the corner of Hohman Avenue and Rimbach Street displaying information for the Spring Clean-up & Beautification Project. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-305)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-306)

NWI Puerto Rican Committee, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, President, Mr. David Rodriguez regarding a parade and festivities. Mr. Rodriguez appeared and said that he will get insurance with a rider naming the City if there are injuries as he would like to have a bounce house, the Board is made up of volunteers, and he would like Kennedy Avenue from 167<sup>th</sup> Street to 169<sup>th</sup> Street blocked for the festivities after the parade which would include a beer garden. Ms. Garay advised Mr. Rodriguez to obtain a permit to sell liquor from the county first and then the beer garden request would have be approved by the Park Board. Ms. Kantar asked Mr. Rodriguez if the NWI Puerto Rican Committee, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico was registered as a not for profit group

with the state. Mr. Rodriguez said that the committee is for profit this year and would be a not for profit group next year. Mr. Rodriguez then said he has a Certificate of Assumed Business Name which is filed in Crown Point. Ms. Garay asked if Mr. Rodriguez had a bank account and if so, whose name was it held in. Mr. Rodriguez said that he has a bank account in his name for the Committee. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to the Law Department; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-307)

Correspondence received from H.U.G.S. requesting permission to extend the parade route to Hessville Park and hold festivities at the park. Mr. Dostatni said it would be acceptable to extend the route but the Park Board would have to give approval to hold festivities there. Motion by Ms. Garay to extend the parade route to Hessville Park; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-308)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received a disciplinary matter from the Hammond Fire Department. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-309)

Mr. Dostatni also received a request for the 5600 block of Howard Avenue to be closed from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, May 13, 2017 as the resident of 5625 Howard Avenue will be expecting approximately 75 (seventy five) vehicles driving past her house for prom. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-310)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Ms. Susie Urbine asked the Board how long she can stay in one (1) place while selling flowers on Mother's Day if she has a Peddler's License. Mr. Margraf suggested she contact Hammond Police Chief Doughty to determine the length of time.

Ms. Donna Crozier then requested a dead tree be removed from the easement of 7211 Oakdale Avenue. Mr. Margraf said tree removal requests must be done by contacting the Park Department.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary