BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, May 18, 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 defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of April 20, 2017; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Contract with Walsh & Kelly, Inc. for the Hohman Avenue Pavement Reconstruction Project – Hoffman Street to Huehn Street. Mr. Dostatni advised the total amount of the contract is $997,304.53 to be split 50/50 with the State of Indiana. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-382)

Correspondence received from 3rd Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting $86,000 of gaming funds be allocated to the Street Overlay Program and $59,686 of gaming funds be allocated for construction observation for the Rhode Avenue – Carroll Street Bauer Street project. Motion by Ms. Gary; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-383)

Correspondence received from Councilman Scott Rakos requesting $200,000 of gaming funds be allocated to the Street Overlay Program. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-384)

Correspondence received from Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting $58,000 of gaming funds be allocated to the Street Overlay Program. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-385)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting $19,395 of gaming funds be allocated for construction observation for the Van Buren Avenue lighting project. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-386)

Demolition hearing on property located at 5422 Wood Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kristina Kantar, Corporation Counsel, said the property is owner occupied, was issued a Notice of Violation and has refused to allow an inspection to take place. Property owner, Ms. Debra Kay Bellinger, was given today's hearing date to allow an inspection of the property to take place. Ms. Kantar said no inspection occurred and requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order regarding demolition of the property. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-387)

Resolution of the Sanitary District Board of Sanitary Commissioner Confirming and Memorializing a Cost Sharing Agreement Among the District, the City of Hammond and 1st District Councilman Mark Kalwinski for Emergency Sewer Repair Work on Myrtle Avenue. Motion by

Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-388)

Correspondence received from Norfolk Southern Railroad requesting the closure of Willow Court, Sibley Street, State Street and Oakley Avenue to be changed to May 24, 2017 through June 14, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-389)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting Officers Sangkaratana and Zurek begin receiving Evidence Technician Specialty Pay effective April 7, 2017, Officer Gregory Day be promoted to 3rd Class Patrolman effective May 16, 2017, Disposal Authorizations and approval of Leon's Triathlon, Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church festival and the Hammond Mohawks Memorial Day Parade. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-390)

Correspondence received from Sergeant Jason Schafbuch requesting approval to have the Controller's Office release titles to vehicles which are to be auctioned due to the expiration of a court order and/or not being used by the Police Department. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-391)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith advising of the retirement of Engineer Douglas Zubrenic with service of 20 years, 10 months and 6 days. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-392)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 2042 Wespark Avenue. Attorney Gary Matthews appears for the property owner. Mr. Matthews said he has met with Code Enforcement and has requested additional time to have this matter resolved. Motion by Ms. Garay to continue this matter to June 15, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-393)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 7218 Parrish Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, said this property was built as a single family home but was changed to a two (2) unit, with no permits. Mr. Farrell requested the Board affirm the Findings requiring the removal of the illegal second unit. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-394)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3928 176th Place. Property owner appears and said he forgot to pay rental registration as he had health issues at that time. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-395)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6812 Ontario Avenue. Property owner appears. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Code Enforcement Commissioner, said the property owner has not paid for 2015 or 2016 and has owned the property since 1999. Property owner, Mr. Kevin Mills, said he just forgot to pay. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2015 and 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-396)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 12 Williams Street. Property owner's wife appears, said she and her husband moved to Hawaii and let their daughter move in. Mr. Prieto said 2016 is the only year due. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-397)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6720 Marshall Avenue. Property owner appears, said the property was vacant and thought he did not have to pay if vacant. Mr. Prieto said 2016 is the only year missed. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-398)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7720 Rhode Island Court. Property owner fails to appear. Motion by Ms. Garay to assess the late fee of $500 and rental registration at $5 per unit for 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-399)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4612 Ash Avenue. Property owner appears and said he is selling the property on land contract and was not aware he had to pay rental registration. Motion by Ms. Garay to dismiss this action; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-400)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6006 Hohman Avenue. Property owner appears and said his former administrative assistant was to pay the fee but has been arrested for embezzling $150,000 from him. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at $5 per unit for 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-401)

Correspondence received from Ms. Patricia Dills requesting that the rental registration hearing scheduled for today on property located at 2731 Martha Street be continued. Motion by Ms. Garay to reset this matter for June 1, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-402)

Correspondence received from Ms. Orlandra Waller requesting the rental registration hearing scheduled for today on property located at 405 Kenwood Street be continued to June 1, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay to reset this matter for June 1, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-403)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Ms. Garay to set these matters for hearing on June 29, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-404)

Correspondence received from Chief of Inspections, Mr. Kelly Kearney, regarding IESCO Construction. Mr. Kearney advised allegations by State and Federal authorities regarding IESCO have brought the integrity, character and reputation of the bidder into question. Mr. Kearney then requested IESCO Construction be name an irresponsible bidder and previously awarded bids be

handed to the second low bidder. Mr. Kearney then said the next page of the letter lists the second low bidder for all demolitions awarded to IESCO Construction. Motion by Ms. Garay to name IESCO Construction as an irresponsible bidder and to award the second low bidder demolitions previously awarded to IESCO Construction; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-405)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 4931 Oak Avenue (front and rear). Ms. Kantar said all repairs have been completed. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-406)

Agreement to Rehabilitate property located at 3301 176th Street – house and garage. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-407)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 903 Bauer Street (garage only). Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-408)

Correspondence received from Mr. William Riley requesting the hearing on the denial of a business license to Andrews Automotive be reset. Motion by Ms. Garay to reset this matter to June 8, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-409)

Resolution of the Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Hammond, Indiana, Authorizing Emergency Purchases Due to a Threat to Public Safety. Ms. Kantar said this is for the purchase of two (2) front end loaders and two (2) sweepers. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4050) (Ins. No. 17-410)

Correspondence received from Hammond Optimist Youth Sports requesting permission to have the City hang banners advertising the 2017 Cal Ripken World Series on light poles and placing banners on Calumet Avenue and River Drive, 173rd Street and Kennedy Avenue and Sheffield Avenue and Calumet Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve subject to verification from Street Lighting that the poles will withstand the banner weight and to inform Hammond Optimist that the City will not install banners; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-411)

Correspondence received from Mrs. Ethel Hall requesting permission to close the 1000 block of Field Street, Saturday, June 3, 2017 for the 5th Annual Field Street Festival from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-412)

Correspondence received from Edison Elementary School PTA requesting permission to hold a Walk-a-thon, May 31, 2017 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., with route. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-413)

Correspondence received from Chuck and Irene's Bar & Restaurant requesting permission to hold a benefit for Ronald McDonald House Charities with the 2700 block of 161st Street between Marshall Avenue and Kennedy Avenue closed from 10:00 a.m. to noon for a motorcycle run.

Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-414)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-415)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received a contract with Hawk Enterprises, Inc. for the 6th District Montana Avenue Project at a cost of $209,265. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-416)

Mr. Dostatni then received Change Order #1from VS Engineering for the 2nd District Summer Street – Maywood Avenue to Calumet Avenue Lighting Project – with an increase in cost of $48,094 for additional lighting. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-417)

Mr. Dostatni received correspondence from Gariup Construction listing lane closure dates and times for Hammond Paver Replacement from May 17, 2017 through May 26, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-418)

Correspondence received from Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc. requesting permission for lane closure and street closures on Chicago Street – Calumet Avenue to White Oak Avenue -listed in a tentative schedule and advising Rieth Riley will update as the schedule is revised. Mr. Dostatni said all lanes will be open from November 22, 2017 through January 28, 2018 to allow for snow and the project is estimated to be completed by August 1, 2018. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-419)

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Garay to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. . The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:_____
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary