

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JUNE 1, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, June 1, 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 April 27, 2017 seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Correspondence received from Mayor McDermott, Jr. allocating \$14,000 of Mayor's 2017 Gaming Funds to the Pedestrian Traffic Signal Improvement Design Contract, Calumet Avenue and River Drive. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-456)

Agreement with First Group Engineering, Inc. for design engineering for the Pedestrian Traffic Signal Improvement – Calumet Avenue and River Drive at a cost of \$14,000. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-457)

Correspondence received from Nies Engineering, Inc. requesting permission to utilize the alley behind 5515 State Line Avenue to allow traffic flow to exit to State Line Avenue. Mr. Chris Moore, Nies Engineering, Inc., said this has been approved by Zoning and will be made permanent. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-458)

Revised Schedule for Hammond Paver Replacement received from Gariup Construction. Mr. Dostatni said the paver replacement will be done by June 6, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-459)

Correspondence received from 6th District Councilman Scott Rakos allocating \$20,880 for engineering observation with SEH Engineering for the Montana Lighting Project. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-460)

Notice of Site Survey/Access for the West Lake Corridor Community Rail Project Area. Mr. Dostatni said this is a copy of notification to property owners that West Lake Corridor staff or consultants may have to access private property with permission given by the owner. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 17-461)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-462)

Contract for Demolition Services with JM Industrial Service, Inc. for the demolition of 954 Sibley Street. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-463)

Contract for Demolition Services with Actin Contracting, LLC for the demolition of 3205 176th Street, 7051 Arizona Avenue and 6521 California Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-464)

Contract for Demolition Services with JM Industrial Services, Inc. for the demolition of 932 Sibley Street and 5643 Walter Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-465)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2313 169th Street and 2315 169th Street. Property owner appears, said his attorney, Mr. Robert Sorge, is not here yet and asked if the Board would take other matters prior to this hearing. (Ins. No. 17-466)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 504 – 506 Florence Street. Property owner appears, said she remembered that rental registration was due after the cutoff date. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-467)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7415 Monroe Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Gregory Howard, appears, said the check he sent for 2017 was returned because it was late, had a hearing before the Board for rental registration in 2015, was referred to Smith Sersic for non-payment. Mr. Howard said he does not receive any return calls from Smith Sersic to pay rental registration for 2016 and that he wants to pay for 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay to assess one (1) late fee of \$500 for 2016 with rental registration for 2016 of \$5 per unit and to waive the late fee for 2017 with rental registration of \$5 per unit; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-468)

Specific Finding of Faction and Decision on property located at 3303 176th Street, 3320 176th Street, 7403 Carolina Avenue and 7601 Kentucky Avenue submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-469)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1720 Davis Avenue #2. Property owner, Mr. Robert Noltbertowicz, appears, said he lost track of time and came to pay six (6) days late and that he lives in one (1) of the units. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2017 and to complete an affidavit in Inspections regarding him living in one (1) of the units; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-470)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6715 Olcott Avenue. Property owner appears and said this is the first time she missed the April 15th deadline. Mr. Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said there are no problems at this address and the property owner has been timely in the past. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-471)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7519 Maplewood Avenue. Property owner appears, said her son died in 2016 which is why she forgot to pay the fee. 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. 17-472)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 5512 Beall Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Motion by Ms. Garay to assess the late fee of \$500 for each year of 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 with rental registration at \$80 per unit for 2013, \$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. 17-473)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4715 Johnson Avenue – 2nd floor. Property owner appears with her daughter who translates for her, said her mother lives in one (1) unit and family members lived in the other unit until the middle of 2015. 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. 17-474)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7331 Van Buren Avenue. Property owner appears, said there has been a tenant since May 1, 2016 and came in days late to pay for 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-475)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 405 Kenwood Street. Property owner appears, said she does not rent the back unit of the property but she does rent the front. Ms. Kantar said there was a tenant there in 2015 and 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2015 and 2016;

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1125 Wilcox Street. Ms. Garay advised this matter was heard last week. (Ins. No. 17-477)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2731 Martha Street. Property owner fails to appear. Motion by Ms. Garay to assess the late fee of \$500 per unit and rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-478)

Correspondence received from Mr. Jose Hernandez requesting a new hearing date for a missed rental registration hearing on May 4, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay to defer this matter; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-479)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Ms. Garay to set this matter for hearing on July 6, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-480)

Correspondence received from Ms. Nicole Rodriguez requesting a four (4) way stop at the corner of Towle Avenue and Huehn Street due to children in the area. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-481)

Garage Sale permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr.

Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-482)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received correspondence from Norfolk Southern Corporation regarding a noise complaint lodged by a Hammond resident. Mr. J.R. Fleps, Division Engineer, Norfolk Southern Corporation, said the location of the noise reported is occurring at a railroad interlocking, which is a point at which trains diverge track to track and may generate more noise than straight track. Mr. Fleps then said the location is inspected twice per week to assure safe passage of trains. (Ins. No. 17-483)

Correspondence received from Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc. requesting Pine Avenue and Oak Avenue be converted to two (2) way traffic from Hoffman Street to Chicago Street and “No Parking” signs on the school side of the street for Pine Avenue and Oak Avenue adjacent to Washington Irving Elementary until November 22, 2017 for the Chicago Street project. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-484)

Animal Control Officer, Ms. Deanna Lugo, appeared before the Board. Ms. Lugo said on May 11, 2017 a cane corso dog and two (2) male cane corso puppies were caught running loose. Ms. Lugo said the owner, Mr. Maurice Evans, was notified, contacted Animal Control and was told the dogs would be held until the court date of May 24, 2017. Mr. Evans appeared in court on May 24, 2017 and was told by Judge Foster to secure his fence, get pre-paid rabies vaccinations and pay impoundment fees by June 1, 2017. Ms. Lugo then said Mr. Evans contacted Animal Control yesterday and was argumentative on the phone. Ms. Lugo then requested the dogs become the property of the City of Hammond’s Animal Control Department. Motion by Ms. Garay to declare the dogs abandoned and for the Law Department send Mr. Evan’s correspondence advising him of the action; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-485)

Correspondence received from 2nd District Councilman Pete Torres requesting a stop sign be placed on the corner of Michigan Street and Walnut Avenue and “One Way” signs on Summer Street and Grant Avenue south bound. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-486)

Agreement with VS Engineering, Inc. for engineering services in the Columbia Park Trail project at a cost of \$44,600. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17487)

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 9:48 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Heather Garay, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary