

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JUNE 15, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 15, 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 meeting of May 4, 2017; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Correspondence received from First Group Engineering, Inc. requesting traffic detours in the Hohman Avenue Pavement Replacement Project – Hoffman Street to Huehn Street beginning June 20, 2017. Mr. Dostatni said the closures are for Phase 1 of the project and will reverse for Phase 2. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-524)

Correspondence received from NIPSCO requesting road closure at 6350 163rd Street for the installation of gas service to the Hammond Fire Station. #8. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-525)

Correspondence received from Councilman Scott Rakos allocating \$44,275 for a design contract with SEH Engineering for the Illinois Avenue and Idaho Avenue Lighting Improvements. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-526)

Agreement for Professional Services with SEH Engineering, Inc. for design engineering in the Illinois Avenue and Idaho Avenue Lighting Improvements Project at a cost of \$44,275. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-527)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Police Department approving street closures. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. NO. 17-528)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting approval of the promotion of Steven Tepper from Probationary Firefighter to Private Firefighter. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-529)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 2042 Wespark Avenue. Attorney Gary Matthews appears for Ms. Debra Shields, property owner. Mr. Matthews submitted an Agreed Order signed by Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, for the City, which addresses repairs to be done and rental registration being paid. Mr. Matthews said repairs are close to being done. Motion by Ms. Garay approve the Agreed Order; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-530)

Status of property located at 7761 New Hampshire Avenue. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said the roof is complete and requested this matter be set for status on July 17, 2017.

Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-531)

Correspondence received from Attorney Robert Sorge requesting the rental registration hearing on property located at 2313 169th Street and 2315 169th be continued to June 29, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-532)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 5617 Schultz Avenue. Property owner appears, said he purchased the property via land contract which was not recorded until the end of 2016, he lives at the property and that it is not a rental any longer. Motion by Ms. Garay to dismiss this action; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-533)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1014 Kenwood Street. Property owner appears, said he had health issues which is why he did not pay rental registration on the three (3) unit property. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Code Enforcement Commissioner, said rental registration has been paid timely in the past and that only 2017 is late. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-534)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6257 Van Buren Avenue, 40 Warren Street and 52 – 54 Locust Street. Property owner appears with her daughter who said age and forgetfulness is the reason her mother did not pay for 2017. Mr. Prieto said rental registration has been paid 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. 17-535)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 855 Logan Street. Property owner appears with a translator who said the property owner forgot to pay the 2017 rental registration. Mr. Prieto said 2017 is late. 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. 17-536)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7434 Olcott Avenue and 2513 173rd Street. Property owner fails to appear. Motion by Ms. Garay to deny the appeal, assess the late fee of \$500 per unit and rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-537)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4339 Wabash Avenue. Property owner appears, said he just bought the property in 2016, he lives in one (1) unit and there is a tenant in the other. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 for 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-538)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 1635 Roberts Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-539)

Correspondence received from 2nd District Councilman Pedro Torres requesting sidewalk installation be completed prior to a business opening at 5500 State Line Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-540)

Correspondence received from Mr. John Vezmar, IT Department, requesting Sheffield Avenue between 129th Street and Calumet Avenue be closed on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for media services relating to the Festival of the Lakes 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-541)

Correspondence received from Purdue University Northwest requesting the installation of a cross walk in the 6900 block of Schneider Avenue for their Human Resources Department. Mr. Brian Miller, Director of Public Safety, Purdue University Northwest, appeared and said many Purdue employees go to this building on a daily basis. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, said this is on schedule to do. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-542)

Correspondence received from Ms. Minerva Graham requesting the 1100 block of Cleveland Street be blocked for a Save Our Children Block Party Friday, June 30, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-543)

Correspondence received from The Old Glory Tavern, 6755 Indianapolis Boulevard requesting Martha Street be closed on Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a pig roast. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-544)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-545)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received a request from AT&T to perform work at 700 Hoffman Street. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-546)

Under Old Business, Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on the Business License for Andrews Automotive, 6048 – 6050 Calumet Avenue. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-547)

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: _____
Heather Garay, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary

