

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JUNE 29, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:07 a.m. on Thursday, June 29, 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 11, 2017 and May 18, 2017; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – Demolition of 1021 169th Street (rear only), 1236 175th Street, 7909 Belmont Avenue, 7622 Catalpa Avenue (garage/shed only), 4137 Dearborn Avenue, 4415 Henry Avenue, 7222 Jackson Avenue, 4409 Johnson Avenue, 2824 New York Avenue, 7149 Ontario Avenue, 7449 Parrish Avenue, 1527 River Drive, 7015 – 17 Van Buren Avenue, 636 Willow and 704 Willow Court. Bids received as follows:

Actin Contracting, LLC	\$157,965 – all properties bid
Midway General Construction, Inc.	\$145,890 – all properties bid
RSR Demolition	\$126,987 - no bid on two (2) properties
JM Industrial Services, Inc.	\$115,500 – all properties bid
Gary Material Supply, LLC	\$Bid not totaled – not all properties 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. 4048)

Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, advised that Attorney David Braatz will pay for demolition inspections on two (2) of the properties bids were just taken and requested that no permits be issued for the demolition of the same properties.

Bid recommendation received from Nies Engineering, Inc. for the Rhode Avenue Reconstruction Project – Becker Street to Carroll Street to Walsh & Kelly, Inc., low bidder. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-560)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the transfer of Officer Todd Larson from the Uniform Division to the Criminal Investigations Division as a Sergeant and to withdraw the request for Detective Specialty Pay made on May 10, 2017, approval of Festival of the Lake 5K Street Closures approval of a block party request on the 6700 and 6800 blocks of Rhode Island Avenue and Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-561)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting approval of the promotion of Private Wilbert Carney, Jr. to the rank of Engineer and of the retirement of Engineer Joseph Williams who has served the City for 20 years. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf.

AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-562)

Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, appears for the City on the following demolition hearings and advised all parties have been property notified.

Demolition hearing on property located at 2421 169th Street. Attorney Curtis Vosti appeared for the property owner. Ms. Kantar said that permits have been pulled and progress is being made. Ms. Kantar requested this property be taken off the demolition list. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1015 173rd Street. Ms. Kantar said the property has been bought by Mr. Chris Rhodes and requested it be removed from the demolition list. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located 3233 173rd Street. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar said this property has been sold, the new owner, Mr. Jesus Meraz, has not signed a rehab agreement. Ms. Kantar then said the former owner posted a \$10,000 bond which will be released and requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish and bid. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5632 Claude Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Chris Rhodes, appears. Ms. Kantar said the property is nearly complete and requested this matter be set for status on September 14, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1130 Morris Street (garage). Ms. Kantar requested this property be removed from the demolition list. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 850 Mulberry Street (rear). Property owner, Mr. Chris Rhodes, appears. Ms. Kantar said progress is being made and requested this matter be set for status on September 14, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 4407 Sheffield Avenue, 4409 – 11 Sheffield Avenue and 4401 – 03 Sheffield Avenue. Attorney Sorge appears for the property owner, Midwest Investment. Ms. Kantar said a rehab agreement has been entered but expired in February of 2017, there have been no new permits pulled and requested a new inspection be done prior to the status date of September 14, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7450 Southeastern Avenue. Ms. Kantar said the rehab agreement on this property was just extended and requested the property be removed from the demolition list. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 833 Wilcox Street. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar said an Agreement to Rehabilitate expired on December 29, 2016, interior work is almost done and needs outside work done now. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be set for status on September 14, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearings at (Ins. No. 17-563)

Emergency Demolition status on property located at 826 Drackert Street. Property owner appears, said she has received an estimate to start reconstruction which should be done by September 14, 2017. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be set for status on September 14, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-564)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2313 169th Street and 2315 169th Street. Attorney Robert Sorge appears for the property owner. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Code Enforcement Commissioner, said 2017 rental registration has been paid but notes regarding the property show 2014 and 2016 have not been paid. Mr. Sorge said he will speak with his client regarding those years. Mr. Prieto requested this matter be continued for two (2) weeks. Motion by Ms. Garay to continue this matter to July 13, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-565)

Mr. Prieto requested letter "O" be heard next, as Mr. Sorge represents the property owner of the Sheffield Avenue properties also.

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4401 – 03 Sheffield Avenue, 4407 Sheffield Avenue and 4409 – 11 Sheffield Avenue. Mr. Prieto said 2017 rental registration is due for the twenty five (25) units total. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration of \$5 per unit; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-566)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 643 Burton Court. Property owner, Ms. Annette Kula, appears and said she just rented the property on June 1, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-567)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1033 169th Street. Property owner, Mr. Darrell McAuliffe-Simon, appears, said he has owned the property since 2014 and was unaware rental registration was due yearly. Mr. Prieto said 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 are due. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-568)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7101 Parrish Avenue. Property owner, Mr. M. Rahmani, appears, said he lives in one (1) unit and the other four (4) are rented. Mr. Prieto said 2017 is due. Motion by Ms. Garay to have the property owner complete an affidavit for the unit he lives in and to waive the late fee but assess rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2017; seconded by

Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-569)

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. 17-570)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4039 Torrence Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Edwin Pol, appears and said he forgot to pay on time. Mr. Prieto said 2017 is due. 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. 17-571)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4620 Towle Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Basilio Galaviz, said he just starting renting this year and was not aware there was a deadline to pay. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess \$5 per unit rental registration for 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-572)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4740 Baltimore Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Russell Felton, said he gave the fee for rental registration to someone who said they would pay the fee for him but did not. Mr. Prieto said 2017 is due. 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. 17-573)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4 Webb Street. Property owner, Mr. Zidan Allan, appears, said he was diagnosed with cancer and simply forgot to pay. Mr. Prieto said 2017 is due. 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. 17-574)

Correspondence received from Ms. Angela Fuller Tharpe requesting a new rental registration hearing as she was late for the hearing scheduled on June 22, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay to reset this matter to July 6, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-575)

Correspondence received from Mr. Jose Hernandez requesting a new rental registration hearing as he did not appear for the hearing scheduled on May 4, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay to deny the request; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-576)

Correspondence received from Mr. Agustin Nieto requesting a new rental registration hearing as he did not appear for the hearing scheduled on June 8, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay to set this matter for hearing on July 6, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-577)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 1527 River Drive North. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-578)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 7622 Catalpa Avenue. Ms. Kantar said the property has passed all inspections. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf.

AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-579)

A Resolution of the Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Hammond, Indiana, Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property Under Indiana Law. Ms. Kantar said this resolution is for the sale of property located at 5953 Birch Avenue to a private individual. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-580)

Correspondence received from Go-Boys Entertainment requesting streets surrounding the Civic Center be closed from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on September 2, 2017 and requesting permission to charge vehicles parking on the streets. Motion by Ms. Garay to defer this matter; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-581)

Correspondence received from Ms. Trina Lee-Schultz requesting permission to hold a birthday block party on July 15, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with street closure. Motion by Ms. Garay to send this to the Police Department and Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-582)

Correspondence received from Ms. Leticia Mayorga requesting permission to hold a block party on July 1, 2017 on the 1100 block of 164th Place with street closure. Motion by Ms. Garay to send this to the Police Department and Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-583)

Correspondence received from Logan Street Residents requesting permission to hold a block party on July 29, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with street closure. Motion by Ms. Garay to send this to the Police Department and Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-584)

Correspondence received from Mr. Matthew Wooden requesting permission to hold a block party on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on the 4900 block of Catalpa Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay to send this to the Police Department and Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-585)

Correspondence received from Ms. Danuschka Borsuk requesting two (2) "Children at Play" signs at 138th Street and Cameron Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-586)

Commercial Motor Vehicle Master Lease Agreement with Mike Albert, Ltd. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-587)

Contract for Demolition Services with RSR Demolition, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$59,983 for the demolition of 1550 Atlas Street, 521 Conkey Street, 3905 Oakcrest Lane, 6518 Parrish Avenue, 954 Sibley Street, 962 Sibley Street (rear & garage) and 816 Summer Street. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-588)

Contract for Demolition Services with RSR Demolition, LLC. In an amount not to exceed

\$6,465 for the demolition of 7608 Linden Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-589)

Service Agreement with Stellar Services, LLC and the Hammond City Police Department for items sold through the Inmate Commissary Program. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-590)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-591)

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 9:22 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Heather Garay, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary