

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JULY 27, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:11 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2017, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Dostatni – absent; Ms. Garay – present; Mr. Margraf – present.

Due to the absence of Mr. Dostatni, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve the minutes of the meetings of June 1, 2017, June 8, 2017, June 15, 2017, June 22, 2017 and June 29, 2017; Ms. Garay concurred.

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting \$455,771.62 of gaming funds be allocated for the reconstruction of Rhode Avenue between Becker Street and Carroll Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-626)

Contract with Walsh & Kelly, Inc. for Rhode Avenue Reconstruction – Becker Street to Carroll Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-627)

Change Order No. 1 received from First Group Engineering, Inc. for the Hohman Avenue Pavement Reconstruction Project – Hoffman Street to Huehn Street – with an increase of \$6,435 for the installation of new frames and lids on all existing manholes within the project limits. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-628)

Bid recommendation received from First Group Engineering, Inc. for the 165th Street Reconstruction Project to Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc., low bidder. First Group Engineering, Inc. stated that Rieth Riley's bid was incomplete due to omissions minor enough to allow the award. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-629)

Correspondence received from Mr. Brian Poland, Director of City Planning, regarding the West Lake Memorial Addition to the City of Hammond. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-630)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting that Steven Ross be appointed as a Probationer member of the Hammond Police Department, effective July 27, 2017, Officer Marcus May be promoted to the rank of Sergeant, effective July 18, 2017, Officer Zachary Groen be promoted to the rank of 3rd Class Officer and Officer Ryan Zurek, Officer Gabriel Nava and Officer Albert Hulitt receive FTO Specialty Pay effective July 12, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-631)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting Brian Williams, Eric Mays, Ryan Balko and Michael Kearney be promoted from Probationary Firefighter to Private

Firefighter, effective July 27, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-632)

Status of repair – 4401 – 03 Sheffield Avenue, 4407 Sheffield Avenue and 4409 -11 Sheffield Avenue. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, requested this matter be continued to September 14, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-633)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2313 169th Street and 2315 169th Street. Mr. Kearney also requested this hearing be continued as Attorney Robert Sorge represent the property owner and was not able to appear today. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to September 14, 2017; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-634)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2838 Kenwood Street. Property owner appears and said that the notification for rental registration was sent to his ex-wife's address. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee for 2016 and 2017 and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2016 and \$5 per unit for 2017; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-635)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1134 Wilcox Street. Property owner appears and said that he forgot to pay rental registration on time for the single family home. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration and \$5 per unit for 2017; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-636)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set these matters for August 24, 2017; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-637)

Notice of Violation on property located at 10 Rimbach Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to August 17, 2017; Mr. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-638)

Notice of Violation on property located at 435 – 37 165th Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Michael Coles, Inspector, Inspections Department, said there is an illegal apartment on the first floor and three (3) illegal units in the basement which need to be removed. Mr. Coles then requested the Board approve the Findings requiring the removal of the illegal units. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-639)

Agreement to Purchase Real Estate located at 5953 Birch Avenue. Ms. Kantar said this property is vacant and Mr. Jose Galvan, who lives next door to this property has signed an Agreement to Purchase. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-640)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 927 Bauer Street. Ms. Kantar said the property has been brought to compliance. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-641)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 7149 Ontario Avenue – 1st Extension. Ms. Kantar advised the first agreement expired on July 13, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms.

Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-642)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 505 Highland Street – First Amendment. Ms. Kantar said progress is being made. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-643)

Service Agreement with Comcast to install internet access and telephone service at the Jean Shepherd Community Center. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-644)

Service Agreement with Comcast to install internet access and telephone service at Animal Control. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-645)

Service Agreement with Comcast to install internet access at Fire Station #8. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-646)

License Agreement Renewal for groundwater testing at the former Clark Retail Station #1171, 1849 Calumet Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-647)

Notice to Owners of Affected Property - 1924 Calumet Avenue. Ms. Kantar said the City is the owner of the property and that no action is needed regarding the Notice. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 17-648)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director of Public Works, advising Councilman Emerson has requested a truck route from Locust Street to Harrison Avenue north to 165th Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-649)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs requesting \$5,000 be allocated from gaming funds to be used for park activities and improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-650)

Correspondence received from 2nd District Councilman Pedro Torres requesting \$25,000 be allocated from gaming funds to be used for park activities and improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-651)

Correspondence received from 5th District Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$25,000 of gaming funds to be used for park activities and improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-652)

Correspondence received from 6th District Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$20,000 of gaming funds to be used for park activities and improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-653)

Correspondence received from the Whiting Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce requesting

temporary street closures and parking bans for the 24th Annual Pierogi Fest Parade, Friday, July 28, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-654)

Correspondence received from Councilman Robert Markovich requesting “No Parking” on 119th Street from Calumet Avenue to Atchison Avenue during the Pierogi Fest Parade. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-655)

Correspondence received from Mr. Humberto Prado, Tapper Avenue, requesting street closure on Saturday, August 5, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the Taste of Tapper. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to the Hammond Police Department and Public Works for review; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-656)

Correspondence received from Mr. Joseph Bartolomucci III, lodging a complaint against Driveline Automotive, 4905 Columbia Avenue. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 17-657)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-658)

Under Matters from Other Department Head/Their Representative, Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, said BP Pipelines will be building test stations on 165th Street, Indianapolis Boulevard and by the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks on Summer Street. Mr. Button said there would be lane restrictions on Indianapolis Boulevard which were approved by INDOT. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 17-659)

Under Old Business, Ms. Sue Carroll, Hammond Park Department, appeared with a representative of Lil Wayne who will holding a concert at the Civic Center. Ms. Carroll said she was coming before the Board to answer questions about the request to have attendees of the concert park on public streets and be charged to park by the promoters of the concert. . Ms. Carroll said parking in the Civic Center lots as well as the parking lot at Hammond High School will be used and the concert promotor has asked to have streets blocked around the Civic Center. Ms. Carroll said the area within the requested blocked streets is where the promoters want to charge to park and said she has made arrangements with the Hammond Police Department to have officers there along with Emergency Management. Ms. Kantar said a contract regarding a separate rental agreement must be submitted to the Law Department prior to, and approved by the Board, to the concert. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf for the promoters to submit a contract to the Board, after approval by the Law Department, which must be approved prior to the concert; Ms. Garay concurred.

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Ms. Garay to adjourn; Mr. Margraf concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____

Heather Garay; Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary