

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
AUGUST 3, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, August 3, 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.

Bid opening – Hammond Lighting Project 2017 – 173rd Place from US 41(Calumet Avenue) to Tapper Avenue, 170th Place from Tapper Avenue to Columbia Avenue and Jefferson Avenue from Locust Street to 165th Street. Bids received as follows:

Midwestern Electric, Inc.	\$316,506.90
Hawk Enterprises, Inc.	\$304,485.70
TGB Unlimited d/b/a S/T Bancroft Electric	\$360,479.40

Recommendation by Ms. Garay to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Res. No. 4052)

Agreement with First Group Engineering, Inc. for Small Cell Program Assistance at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. Recommendation by Ms. Garay to approved subject to approval by Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 17-660)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at Highland Street and Columbia Avenue. Recommendation by Ms. Garay; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 17-661)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, advising a sink hole was found under the sidewalk at 530 Conkey Street which needs repair. Mr. Button said this was discovered as there is a lighting project being done at that location and the owner of the property was notified but the City has received no response. Mr. Button then said the void on the southeast corner had been backfilled by the City and requested a lien be placed on the property due to no response received from the property owner. Recommendation by Ms. Garay; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 17-662)

Correspondence received from 2nd District Councilman Pete Torres requesting \$4,350 of gaming funds be allocated for material testing on the Columbia Park Walking Path. Recommendation by Ms. Garay; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Ins. No. 17-663)

Correspondence received from Mayor Thomas McDermott, Jr. allocating \$48,800 of the Mayor's 2017 Gaming Fund for lighting design on the Pedestrian Bridge over Calumet Avenue and

Conkey Street. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 17-664)

Proposal with Cender & Company, LLC for financial advisory services – City of ~~Hammond~~ Redevelopment District Tax Increment Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-665)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting Northlake Pop Warner use on street parking in the northbound lane of Grover Avenue along the west border of Pulaski Park from August 1, 2017 through late October 2017, the 7500 and 7600 block of Tapper Avenue to hold the Taste of Tapper on Saturday, August 5, 2017 and Disposal Authorizations submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-666)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7525 Bertram Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Sal Ruiz, of Dorrengo Investment Group, LLC, appears and said that the 2017 rental registration was not paid as there was a new employee hired who was not aware of the fee. Mr. Jaime Prieto Code Enforcement Commissioner, said there have not been any problems at the property. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration for 2017 at \$5 per unit; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-667)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 38 Highland Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Prieto said this is a four (4) unit building that needs an inspection done. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to assess a late fee of \$500 per unit fee for the four (4) units and rental registration of \$5 per unit for a total of \$2,020; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-668)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 435 Cherry Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Prieto said there are two (2) units at this location. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to assess a \$500 late fee per unit and rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2017 for a total of \$1,010; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-669)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2819 165th Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Prieto said the property owner contacted him and requested to be excused from this hearing as she is sick and elderly. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-670)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 913 175th Place. Chief of Inspections, Mr. Kelly Kearney, said repairs have been made and the property is up for sale. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-671)

Correspondence received from Ms. Lisa Miller and Ms. Laurie Czulno requesting ~~permission~~ to hold a block party on Sunday, September 17, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for homes from the Little Calumet River to Lawndale Street and Hohman Avenue to State Line Avenue with street closure. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-672)

Correspondence received from the H.U.G.S Cultural Committee requesting permission to post small banners behind the Welcome to Hammond sign on Indianapolis Boulevard, 169th Street

and Cline Avenue, Hessville Park, Hammond Civic Center and City Hall for the Mexican Independence Festivities being held September 16, 2017 in Hessville Park and the pageant on September 9, 2017 at the Hammond Civic Center. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to defer this matter to August 10, 2017 as a new procedure has been implemented and the Board needs to review the request, as well as the policy; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-673)

Correspondence received from the Beatles Music Fest requesting picnic tables, garbage cans, barricades, fencing, sandbags, chairs and buffet tables for Beatles Fest 2017, Saturday, August 12, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-674)

Correspondence received from Ms. Gaynell Lewis requesting permission to pave an area in the front 1253 Summer Street for tenant parking. Ms. Lewis appeared and said she hopes to get permission from the Board to pave an area for her tenants to safely park in front of her rental unit. Mr. Kearney said after looking at the photos Ms. Lewis sent to the Board, her tenants parking on the parkway is an ordinance violation, and the property the tenants are parking on belongs to the City. Mr. Rich Castro, Inspector, Inspections Department, said the curb has been cut out in front of the property. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to refer this matter to the Engineering Department and Zoning; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-675)

Garage Sale permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-676)

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, recommending Dyer Construction, low bidder at \$9,849, be awarded the GCR Culvert Cleaning Project. Ms. Garay asked Mr. Button if there was a contract for this work to be done. Mr. Button responded that at this time he is asking only that the bid recommendation be approved. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-677)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; Ms. Garay concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Heather Garay, Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary

