MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
AUGUST 10, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, August 10, 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 minuets of the meeting of July 13, 2017 and to defer approval of the minutes of July 6, 2017; Ms. Garay concurred.

Bid opening – Birch Place/Birch Avenue – 172nd Place Lighting. Bids received as follows:

Hawk Enterprises, LLC	$163,199.10
TGB Unlimited d/b/a S/T Bancroft Electric	$170,082.92
Midwestern Electric	$174,497.37

Recommendation by Ms. Garay to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; Mr. Margraf concurred. (Res. No. 4053)

Request for advertising dates of August 24, 2017 and August 31, 2017 with a bid opening date of September 14, 2017 for the demolition of 3233 173rd Street, 6116 Alexander Avenue, 1016 Ames Street, 31 – 33 Carroll Street (front and rear), 245 Conkey Street, 936 Conkey Street (2 parcels), 474 – 478 Fayette Street (2 parcels), 3006 Kenwood Street, 7616 Linden Avenue, 813 Logan Street, 829 – 31 May Street, 7520 Monroe Avenue (garage only), 2064 – 2102 Sherman Street (environmentally contaminated – contact the City of Hammond Environmental Department before bidding), 1140 Wilcox Street, 624 Willow Court, 5438 /744 – 48 Sibley Street (corner building), 5450 Calumet Avenue and 5458 – 60 Calumet Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Res. No. 4054)

Bid recommendation received from First Group Engineer, Inc. for the Hammond Lighting 2017 Project – 173rd Street, 170th Street and Jefferson Avenue to low bidder Hawk Enterprises, LLC. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-678)

Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Beam Longest and Neff, LLC for design engineering services for the new pedestrian bridge over Calumet Avenue and Conkey Street. Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, said work will be paid for by Mayor's gaming funds. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-679)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 1204 Lakeview Avenue. Attorney Gary Matthews appears for property owner and requested this matter be continued to September 28, 2017.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue this matter to September 28, 2017; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-680)

Demolition hearing on property located at 219 Russell Street. Attorney Adam Decker appears with property owner, Mr. Dan Nagle. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, then addressed the Board. Ms. Kantar said this property was set on July 13, 2017 for a demolition hearing to which Mr. Decker requested a continuance. Ms. Kantar said the property is a six (6) floor building that has boarded up windows, no NIPSCO since 2012 and people are getting into the building. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said the Hammond Police Department must send two (2) officers, each with a canine, to search the entire building if there is a suspected break in. Mr. Decker said 219 Russell Street is connected to another building making it difficult to demo, his client does not want to rehab the building and future access into the building will be prevented. Ms. Garay said the building is already boarded up. Mr. Nagle said "Phil" told his son that the City was going to purchase the property and the City had $600,000 of federal money to demo the building. Ms. Garay asked Mr. Nagle if rehab of the building was going to take place. Mr. Nagle said rehab is not financially feasible and he would like to sell the building. Ms. Kantar said she is not aware of any offer from the City to purchase the property and requested the Board enter to Order to Demolish. Ms. Garay said the demolition process takes approximately three (3) to four (4) months and if Mr. Nagle changes his mind and would like to rehab the property he would need to contact the Law Department. Mr. Nagle said he will secure the building and have an inspection done by an architect. Mr. Nagle then said this is the first time he has been notified of problems with the building and asked for additional time. Mr. Kearney said he has been dealing with this building for five (5) years, has cited the owners for various violations and then requested the Board not grant a continuance. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to move forward with the demolition process; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-681)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of Officer Jose Velez being promoted to the rank of 3rd Class Patrolman, a police escort for the Marian Bike Pilgrimage, Saturday, September 2, 2017 and Disposal Authorizations. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-682)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting approval of the promotion of Engineer Angel Solis to the rank of Captain, Private Thomas Ingram to the rank of Engineer, EMT-P2 Matthew Matz to the rank of EMT-P1, Engineer Robert Baliga to the rank of Captain, Private Jeremy Pence to the rank of Engineer, Engineer Philip Kotlowski to the rank of Captain, Private Ronald Johnson to the rank of Engineer, the retirements of Captain David Rangel, effective August 8, 2017, Captain Chris Cudzilo, effective July 28, 2017, EMT-1 Ronald Rutledge, effective July 28, 2017 and Captain Craig Tkach, effective July 11, 2017 and the appointment of Anthony Santucci, Geraldo Herrera, Cody Hartline, Brandon Dills, Sylvester Davis, Alex Berdine and Aaron Arroyo to the Hammond Fire Department retroactive to August 7, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-683)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for hearing on September 7, 2017; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-684)

Correspondence received from Purdue University Northwest requesting permission to have outdoor music on August 18 and 19, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at University Village Housing for student move in day. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-685)

Correspondence received from the Downtown Hammond Council requesting permission to post signs for the 3rd Annual Arts on the Ave, Saturday, August 26, 2017 at various locations in the City. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to defer this matter for review; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-686)

Correspondence received from the Whiting Lions Club requesting permission to hold the Battle of 119th Street Barbeque, Thursday, August 17, 2017, with street closure from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-687)

Correspondence received from M.W. King Solomon Universal Grand Lodge Ancient York Masons requesting permission to hold an annual cookout on Saturday, August26, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with street closure at the corner of Maywood Avenue and Sibley Street to the alley. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-688)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-689)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Margraf received an Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 5217 Hohman Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-690)

Under Old Business, correspondence from Hispanics United Government Services (H.U.G.S.) requesting permission to post signs for the Mexican Independence Festivities and pageant. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve subject to signs being placed next to City signs; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17-691)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Ms. Jocelyn Prue, President of the Hessville Commerce Community Creative, appeared, said that she has been working with Councilman Rakos to replace benches and planters that are in disrepair and to replace them with new benches and planters that have been purchased with grant funding her organization has received. Ms. Prue requested assistance from the Public Works Department to have the benches and planters either removed or moved to other areas in Hessville. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to notify Public Works; Ms. Garay concurred.

Pastor Wayne Hudson, New Salem Baptist Church, requested street closure of the 800 block of Conkey Street, Sunday, August 13, 2017 for a back to school event. Ms. Garay advised that since this is so close to the date of the request, it is possible Public Works may not be able to fulfill the request. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to notify Public Works of the request for street closure; Ms. Garay concurred.

Pastor Hudson then requested police presence at 452 Sibley Street, August 26, 2017, as his church members will be handing out sleeping bags to homeless individuals at the location. Ms. Garay requested Pastor Hudson put this request in writing so it can be brought up at the next Board meeting.

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 9:44 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY:_____
Heather Garay; Vice President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary