

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2017**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:07 a.m. on Thursday, August 17, 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 defer approval the minutes of the meeting of July 27, 2017; Ms. Garay concurred.

Bid recommendation received from United Consulting for the Birch Avenue/Birch Place/172nd Place Lighting Project to the lowest bidder Hawk Enterprises at \$163,199.10. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Contract with Rieth Riley Construction Co., for 165th Street Replacement/Resurface Project – Summer Street to Kennedy Avenue. Dean Button states this is a community crossing grand and it a 50/50 fund with INDOT. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Construction Contract with Dyer Construction Company, Inc. for culvert cleaning. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Correspondence received from Councilman Pete Torres requesting \$68,900 of gaming funds be allocated for 2<sup>nd</sup> District Street Lighting Projects. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Agreement with VS Engineering, Inc. for design engineering services. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Appearance and Request for Continuance submitted by Attorney David Weigle for a Notice of Violation hearing set for August 27, 2017 on property located at 6637 Harrison Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue to October 5, 2017; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 10 Rimbach Street. Attorney James DelSanto and property owner Delores Lucas appear. Inspector Rich Castro states this is a 6 unit that should be a 2 units. There are two illegal basement units with inadequate ceiling heights and 2 illegal units with no permits issued, no fire separation from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to first. Recommending the removal of two basement units, one unit on the first floor and one unit on the second floor be removed. Mr. DelSanto states the two basement units have already been vacated. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to continue for status on September 21, 2017; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 20 Rimbach Street. Inspector Rich Castro appears and states there was in inspection. This single family was converted into three units, two on the first floor side by side and one upstairs with no fire separation and no permits pulled. Property owner was notified and signed for mail and there has been no communication since inspection. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approved Findings; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 7247 Calumet Avenue. Attorney Kantar states this is the old gas station that the City has demolished. Sometime in 2015 the tanks were removed and a hole was left that needs to be filled in which no one has done. Notification has been sent out and the City is going to fill it in and place a lien on the property which the City already has a lien for the demolition. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve the Emergency Order to Repair to fill in the excavation that has been abandoned; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 7015-17 Van Buren Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property located at 7909 Belmont Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 1016 Ames Street. Attorney Kantar states the property has been demolished by owner. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Special Warranty Deed and Sales Disclosure Form for property located at 5953 Birch Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to set for September 21, 2017; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Correspondence received requesting a rehearing on rental registration that was missed on August 3, 2017 for property located at 435 Cherry Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to deny; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Correspondence received requesting a rehearing on rental registration that was missed on August 3, 2017 for property located at 38 Highland Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to deny; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Correspondence received from Ms. Betty Van Houten requesting a “Dead End” sign be placed on the corner of 122<sup>nd</sup> Street and Lake Avenue. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to send to Public Works and Engineering; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Correspondence received from Morton High School requesting permission to hold a Homecoming Parade, Friday, September 22, 2017, with route. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf

to approve subject to the approval of the Hammond Police Department and Street Department; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Correspondence received from Dayspring Ministries to hold their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School rally, August 19, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. with street closure of Maywood Avenue between Sibley Street and State Street and an outdoor worship service Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 910-12 State Street from 11:00 .m. to 1:30 p.m. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve subject to the approval of the Hammond Police Department and Street Department; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Correspondence received from Councilman Pete Torres requesting \$44,600 to fund the Columbia Park Trail design contract. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Proposal for surveying services with Nies Engineering, Inc. to perform a survey at Hermits Park, 121 142<sup>nd</sup> Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

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

Under matters from other board members, Ms. Garay recognizes Councilwoman Janet Venecz and Councilman Pete Torres. Mr. Margraf states he has a request from the Park Department requesting certain sign locations for the Lil' Wayne Concert for September 2<sup>nd</sup> requesting approval to install the signs at certain locations. Recommendations by Margraf to approve the request for signage but leave it up the Public Works Department Head to install and coordination with the Mayor's office to make sure there is not a conflict; Ms. Garay concurred.

Under matters from other department heads or their representatives, Mr. Dean Button states he has letter Safety Services And Supply regarding the Norfolk Southern Railroad street closures. He met with Mr. Tom Lyons, they will be doing 2 miles per day, do intend working on Saturday and west to east. Mr. Margraf the states the Fire Chief communicate to him if they could close Grand and 173<sup>rd</sup> and leave Parrish open. Mr. Button will contact Mr. Lyons with this request. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve with the Fire Chief's request; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

Mr. Margraf recommends the approval of the July 6, 2017 Minutes. Ms. Garay concurred.

Under old business, correspondence received from the Downtown Hammond Council requesting permission to post signs for Arts on the Ave around the City of Hammond. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve sign locations; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 17- )

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 9:31 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Garay, Vice President

ATTEST:

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