

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
DECEMBER 3, 2015

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:02 a.m., in Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Dostatni - present; Ms. Garay – present; Mr. Smith – present.

Bid opening – Demolition of 3306 165th Street, 1535 – 37 174th Street, 4617 Ash Avenue, 4619 Ash Avenue, 232 Brunswick Street, 4763 Calumet Avenue, 531 Cherry Street, 7815 Chestnut Avenue, 7431 Chestnut Avenue, 7009 Chestnut Avenue (garage only), 6014 – 18 Columbia Avenue, 916 Conkey Street, 6342 Euclid Avenue (garage only), 1241 Highland Street, 6433 – 49 Kennedy Avenue, 1046 Kenwood Street, 516 – 18 Kenwood Street, 427 Logan Street, 7204 Madison Avenue (garage only), 6326 Monroe Avenue (rear house), 923 Morris Street, 7340 New Hampshire Avenue, 1575 River Drive, 4246 Wabash Avenue, 4248 Wabash Avenue and 5658 Walter Avenue. Bids received as follows:

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| Gary Material Supply, LLC | \$509,500 – Did not bid on all |
| JM Industrial Services, Inc. | \$432,566 – Bid on all |
| RSR Demolition, LLC | \$323,255 – Did not bid on all |
| Actin Contracting, LLC | \$645,650 – Bid on all |
| Grimmer Construction, Inc. | \$529,350 - Bid on all |

Motion by Mr. Smith to refer the bids to the Building Department for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4032)

Proposed Agreement with First Group Engineering, Inc. for the Maryland Avenue from 169th Street to Vine Street project. Mr. Dostatni advised this is for construction engineering. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1037)

IC-639 Report of Final Inspection and Recommendation for Acceptance received from First Group Engineering, Inc. for the Sheffield Avenue Bike Trail. Mr. Dostatni advised all work has been completed in this project. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1038)

Correspondence received from DLZ Engineering requesting permission to close one (1) lane of Columbia Avenue in each direction to conduct bridge rehabilitation of the NICTD bridge north of Chicago Street. Mr. Dostatni said work will take approximately 75 days. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1039)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to conduct work at 800 171st Street, Carroll Street and Tapper Avenue, 1010 165th Street, 5732 Hump Road and River Drive from Calumet Avenue to Tapper Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1040)

License Agreement with ASARCO Multi State Environmental Custodial Trust for environmental monitoring on the 1300 block of Lakeview Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1041)

Correspondence received from Hasse Construction Company, Inc. requesting permission to conduct work at 6518 California Avenue to a manhole in the alley to relocate an existing sanitary service line. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1042)

Bid recommendation received from Nies Engineering, Inc. for the Maryland Avenue Lighting Improvement project to Hawk Enterprises, Inc. Mr. Dostatni said Hawk Enterprises, Inc. was the second low bidder but due to irregularities in past bids showing collusion, low bidder TGB Unlimited should not be considered a responsive and responsible bidder.. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1043)

Bid recommendation received from Mr. James Callahan, Chief of Inspections, for the demolition of 728 118th Street to JM Industrial Services, Inc. Ms. Kristina Kantar, Corporation Counsel, said the building was involved in a fire. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1044)

Contract with Midwestern Electric, Inc. for the 2nd District Local Street Lighting Project. Plat of the Clay Northcote Addition to the City of Hammond submitted for approval. Mr. Dostatni said the cost of this project is \$394,684. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1045)

Plat of the Clay Northcote Addition to the City of Hammond submitted for approval. Mr. Dostatni said this will correct a right of way problem on Clay Street. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1046)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty submitting the termination of Officer Kevin Campbell from the Hammond Police Department, requesting approval of the relinquishment of Evidence Specialty Pay to Sergeant Mike Darnell, the transfer of Officer Mike Darnell to CID with Detective Specialty Pay and a disciplinary action. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1047)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1039 Becker Street. Property owner, Mr. Willie Jones, appears and said the building was vacant when he bought it in 2014 and then it was only rented for three (3) months. Mr. Jones then said it has been rented since October of 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1048)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4418 Torrence Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess the late fee of \$500 and rental registration at \$5 per unit; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1049)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for January 7, 2016; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1050)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 1126 Drackert Street. Ms. Kantar said this property had been on the demolition list. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1051)

Contracts for Professional Service with JM Industrial Services, Inc. for the demolition of 4503 Hohman Avenue, 728 118th Street, 6817 Baring Avenue, 927 Bauer Street, 7416 Beech Avenue, 7821 Beech Avenue, 6013 – 59 Calumet Avenue, 1126 Drackert Street, 6035 Erie Avenue, 6353 Forest Avenue, 1015 Hoffman Street, 821 Indiana Street, 6746 Jackson Avenue, 7545 Linden Avenue, 970 Murray Street, 709 170th Street, 1333 – 37 150th Street, 3121 165th Street, 1323 170th Street, 913 175th Place, 6446 Tennessee Avenue and 1105 Truman Street. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1052)

Contract for Professional Services with RSR Demolition for the demolition of 5853 Wallace Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1053)

Correspondence received from Reichelt Plumbing, Inc. requesting permission for street closure at 5417 Oakley Avenue to repair a sanitary sewer. Mr. Dostatni said it has started today and will last for six (6) to eight (8) hours. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1054)

Correspondence received from Ms. Carmen Blanco, 4719 Sheffield Avenue, requesting permission to park on the west side of Sheffield Avenue on December 19, 2015 to provide extra parking for a Christmas party. Mr. Dostatni advised he has spoken with the Traffic Captain of the Hammond Police Department who has approved this request also. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1055)

Correspondence received from WOW! regarding rate increases. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 15-1056)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received correspondence from Freedom Utility requesting lane closure on Hohman Avenue and Wilcox Street beginning today and lasting through December 9, 2015 to tap into an existing sewer. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 15-1057)

Mr. Smith advised there will be no Board of Public Works & Safety meeting held on Thursday, December 24, 2015.

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Donald McBride, property owner of 7431 Chestnut Avenue, said he just paid for an inspection today and the property was bid for demolition today. Ms.

Kantar responded that the demolition process moves forward until an agreement is signed for rehabilitation of the property.

Mr. Robert Kuel, contractor for the property owner of 3306 165th Street, appeared before the Board and requested another rehabilitation agreement be signed as the original has now expired. Mr. Dostatni asked if the property owner was at the meeting as he or she would be the person to sign another agreement. The property owner then stood up and acknowledged that he knew his signature would be necessary. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Code Enforcement, said the foundation in the southwest corner of the house is gone and must be repaired. Mr. Kuel said that he has that corner supported. Ms. Kantar then said until another agreement is signed, this property will proceed with the demolition process until that time.

Ms. Ruth Mores, 240 Southmoor Road, appeared and said there is vacant lot on the corner of 173rd Street and Lyman Avenue that is being used as a party spot and dumping ground. Ms. Mores said she, and neighbors, have contacted the police but that has not solved the problem. Ms. Mores then requested signage, such as Authorized Vehicles Only, as she is aware NIPSCO needs access, or No Trespassing, be placed. Mr. Dostatni said he believes CSX may own the property and will have be to contacted regarding placing signs or blocking access completely. Mr. Dostatni requested that the Law Department send a letter to CSX regarding this issue.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Smith to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Garay. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:39a.m.

APPROVED:

By: _____
Stanley Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary