

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
APRIL 17, 2014

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, April 17 2014, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Lendi - present; Mr. Dostatni - present; Mr. Smith – present.

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to defer the minutes of March 27, 2014, April 3, 2014 and April 10, 2014; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – 6th District Local Street Project – Street, Sewer and Sidewalk Improvements – California Avenue from 169th Street to 167th Street. Bids received as follows:

Gariup Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,326,600
Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 969,890
Hasse Construction Co, Inc.	\$ 979,800
Walsh & Kelly, Inc.	\$1,018,688

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2837)

Mylar – Luke’s 165th Calumet Addition to the City of Hammond – submitted for signature. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-227)

Request for advertising dates of April 24, 2014 and May 1, 2014 with a bid opening date of May 15, 2014 for Hammond/Purdue Calumet Outdoor Athletics Complex at Dowling Park Phase 2. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4011)

Correspondence received from Walsh & Kelly, Inc. requesting permission to restrict northbound Columbia Avenue at Highland Street to one (1) lane and close Highland Street from Columbia Avenue to Wallace Road, from Monday, April 28, 2014 through Tuesday, May 6, 2014 to replace pipe and a sanitary manhole. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-228)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-229)

Business License Denial Hearing – Zinity Motors, LLC – Mr. David Cervantes Villanueva. Mr. Cervantes Villanueva appears. Mr. Lendi asked Mr. Cervantes Villanueva why an incorrect social security number was used on the application. Mr. Cervantes Villanueva responded that he used his social security number on the form. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, asked why all mailings to 2613 West Cullerton Street, 1st Floor, Chicago, Illinois were returned indicating the building was vacant. Mr. Cervantes Villanueva responded that he has lived at that address for eighteen (18) years. Mr. Lendi then asked if the gentleman with Mr. Cervantes Villanueva was Mr.

Solano to which he answered that he was. Mr. Lendi asked Mr. Solano whether he been denied a business license because of his own felony convictions for Defacing Firearm ID Marking, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Aggravated Battery on a Child. Mr. Solano replied yes. Mr. Lendi then asked if Mr. Solano had Mr. Cervantes Villanueva apply for the business license because he was denied. Mr. Lendi calls for a motion. There being no motion, the request fails for lack of. (Ins. No. 14-230)

Correspondence received from Attorney William Padula requesting the hearing on the Revocation of Business License for Mr. Dusan Bulatovic d/b/a Gold Rush be continued to June 19, 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-231)

Attorney Kevin Smith appears for the City of Hammond and advised all parties have been properly notified of the following demolition status hearings.

Demolition status hearings on property located at 6633 Alexander Avenue. Property owner's attorney, Mr. Robert Sorge, appears. Mr. Sorge advised the owner, Mr. McMahon, is deceased. Mr. Sorge stated the property has been offered to Habitat for Humanity but the offer was declined.

Attorney Brian Berger appears for the bank. Mr. Smith said the residence is occupied with the NIPSCO still on due to a life support hold but water services has been disconnected. Mr. Smith then requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 7514 Columbia Avenue. Attorney Gary Matthews appears for the property owner and stated an Agreement to Rehabilitate was approved by the Board, permits have been pulled to restore this to a single family residence. Mr. Smith requested the Board remove the property from the demolition list. Motion by Mr. Smith to remove the property from the demolition list; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 1846 Davis Avenue. Mr. Smith requested this property be removed from the demolition list. Motion by Mr. Smith to remove the property from the demolition list; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 4504 – 10 Hohman Avenue. Mr. Smith requested this matter be continued to June 12, 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to June 12, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 7019 Jackson Avenue. Attorney John Terpstra appears for the property owners and requested this matter be continued to allow the property owner to demolish or if an order is entered stay action for ninety (90) days. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to July 10, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7513 Marshall Avenue. Mr. Smith requested this matter be removed from the demolition list. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 5730 Northcote Avenue. Mr. Smith requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to June 12, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 4931 Oak Avenue. Mr. Smith stated an inspection was paid for both front and back houses but has not yet occurred and no repairs have been made. Mr. Smith then requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish both houses. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 28 – 34 Ruth Street. Mr. Smith advised this is a large empty apartment building that has no progress in repair and requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 1427 Sherman Street – garage only. Attorney Brian Berger appears for the bank. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Smith advised no progress has been made and requested the Board affirm the Order to Demolish. Mr. Berger objected to the Order being entered as the property owner has filed bankruptcy. Motion by Mr. Smith to affirm the Order to Demolish; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 1143 Summer Street. Property owners appear. Mr. Smith requested this property be removed from the demolition list. Motion by Mr. Smith to remove the property from the demolition list; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 4006 Towle Avenue. Mr. Smith advised permits have been pulled for repair and then requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to June 12, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 7238 Wicker Avenue. Mr. Smith requested this matter be removed from the demolition list as repairs are being made. Motion by Mr. Smith to remove the property from the demolition list; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 938 Wilcox Street. Attorney Sorge appears for the property owner and stated he has not yet received the signed Agreement to Rehabilitate from his client. Mr. Smith requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to June 12, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 636 Willow Court. Mr. Smith requested this property be removed from the demolition list. Motion by Mr. Smith to remove the property from the demolition list; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

All demolition hearings under (Ins. No. 14-232)

Hearings on property located at 1916 Calumet Avenue, 40 Warren Street, 4927 Towle Avenue, 222 Hanover Street, 951 Sibley Street, 4922 Cedar Avenue and 4930 Cedar Avenue. Notice of Violation on property located at 1649 Warwick Avenue. Attorney Gary Matthews appears for property owners and requested these matters be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue these matters to June 19, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-233)\

Notice of Violation property located at 1649 Warwick Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Martin Gabor III, appears and stated that he has been ill and the second floor apartment is vacant and will remain so. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, and requested a deed restriction be placed on the property to prevent the illegal second floor apartment be used for residential occupancy. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve the deed restriction; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-234)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 5546 Walter Avenue. Property owner, Mr. David Okunluna, stated that he just received the tax deed to the property in April of 2013 and the property was not rented until October of 2013. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-235)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 264 Lawndale Street. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-236)

Decision of Board of Public Works & Safety regarding Faegre Baker Daniels, LLC. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-237)

Renewal of the Professional Claims Management, Inc. Administrative Contract and new PPO discount network. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-238)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Common Council requesting information regarding salaries of police officers and fire fighters. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 14-239)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs requesting an overlay be applied on the 1000 block of Carroll Street and the 5600 block of Walter Avenue be engineered and designed. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Engineering Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-240)

Correspondence received from Councilwoman at Large Janet Venecz requesting the curbs on the east and west side of Klen Drive at Michigan Street be painted yellow and "No Parking" signs be placed at that location. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Public Works Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-241)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for May 22, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL.

Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-242)

Amusement Device listing for the week of April 14, 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-243)

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-244)

There being no further business to come before the Board, Motion by Mr. Dostatni to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Smith. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

APPROVED: May 22, 2014

BY: _____
Edward Krusa, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary