

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2016, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Dostatni - present; Ms. Garay – present; Mr. Margraf- present.

Motion by Mr. Margraf to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 5, 2016 and May 12, 2016; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening - Demolition of 3205 176th Street, 3301 176th Street, 7436 Arizona Avenue, 7430 Arizona Avenue, 4834 Ash Avenue, 1550 Atlas Street, 4430 Baltimore Avenue, 6521 California Avenue, 5121 Calumet Avenue, 722 Conkey Street (front and rear), 505 Highland Street, 5643 Sohl Avenue (rear only) and 225 Wildwood Road (garage only). Bids received as follows:

Actin Contracting, LLC	\$130,000 – Bid all properties
RSR Demolition, LLC	\$ 84,000 – Not all properties bid
JM Industrial Services, Inc.	\$111,900 – Bid all properties
IESCO Construction	\$ 88,850 – Not all properties bid

Motion by Ms. Garay to refer the bids to the Building Department for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4037)

Proposal opening – City of Hammond Signal at Three (3) Locations. Proposals received from the following:

First Group Engineering, Inc.	5925 Lakeside Boulevard Indianapolis, Indiana 46278
Primera	9200 Calumet Avenue Munster, Indiana 46321
Nies Engineering, Inc.	2421 173rd Street Hammond, Indiana 46323

Motion by Ms. Garay to refer the proposals to the Engineering Department; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4038)

Proposal opening - City of Hammond Pedestrian Refuge Island. Proposals received from the following:

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Primera

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Motion by Ms. Garay to refer the proposals to the Engineering Department; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4039)

Request for advertising dates of October 6, 2016 and October 13, 2016 with a bid opening date of October 27, 2016 for the 4th District Lighting Project – 169th Street from Hohman Avenue to Lyman Avenue, Van Buren Avenue from 173rd Street to 169th Street, Oakdale Avenue from 176th Place to 171st Street and 180th Place from River Drive to Bertram Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2838)

Agreement for design services with First Group Engineering, Inc. for 165th Street from Summer Street to Kennedy Avenue. Mr. Dostatni received money from the State for this project and the total amount of the design service is \$51,000. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-723)

Agreement for design services with First Group Engineering, Inc. for the Reconstruction of Hohman Avenue from Hoffman Street to Huehn Street. Mr. Dostatni said the State has given money for this project also and the total amount of the design service is \$58,000. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-724)

Dedication of Land for Roadway Purposes in the Chicago Street Project. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-725)

Special Warranty Deed for property located at 4718 Cameron Avenue. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said this is a 25 foot vacant lot that the neighbor living next door would like to purchase. Ms. Kantar then said an appraisal was done and the purchase price was set at \$500. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-726)

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith advising of the retirement of Senior Captain Fred Vahst with service to the City of Hammond for 30 years and 11 months. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-727)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located 4729 Hickory Avenue. Ms. Kantar said this property had previously been on the demolition list. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-728)

Correspondence received from Attorney Gary Matthews requesting a continuance of the Notice of Violation on property located at 4234 Johnson Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay to continue this matter to October 27, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-729)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Ms. Garay to set this matter for October 27, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-730)

Correspondence received from Ms. AnJeanette Deal requesting the hearing regarding rental registration on property located at 7320 Madison Avenue be continued from October 6, 2016 to December 8, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay to continue this matter to December 8, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-731)

Contract for Professional Services with JM Industrial Services, Inc. for the demolition of 5853 Wallace Road at a cost of \$9,300. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-732)

Restriction on Use of Property located at 1514 Roberts Avenue. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, requested this matter be reset for October 13, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay to continue this matter October 13, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-733)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director of Public Works, advising speed limit signs will be placed on Lyons Street and the request for stop signs at the corner of Lyons Street and Howard Avenue are not warranted. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-734)

Correspondence received from Ms. Patricia Ortiz requesting the front section of the 7100 block of Alabama Avenue be blocked on Saturday, October 1, 2016 for a birthday party. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-735)

Event Production & Performance Agreement with Tom Lounges Entertainment, LLC. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-736)

Correspondence received from Hammond High School requesting approval of holding a parade on October 7, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. with Fire Department and Police Department escorts. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-737)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr.

Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-738)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received correspondence from the Police Department advising Officer J. Quick has been placed on administrative leave, effective September 26, 2016. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 16-739)

Under New Business, 2nd District Councilman Pete Torres requested a stop sign be placed at the intersection of Michigan Street and Walnut Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Councilman Torres then requested an ordinance be drafted as the 5200 block of Ann Avenue now has “Residential Parking Only “ signs but there has been no ordinance done.

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Mr. Tony Smith, said he bought 5643 Sohl Avenue at tax sale and needs information about the property. Ms. Kantar said an inspection will be required and then an Agreement to Rehabilitate would need to be signed. Mr. Smith said he does not own the property yet as the redemption period has not passed. Mr. Dostatni said bids for demolitions, including this address were opened today. Ms. Kantar took Mr. Smith’s information and advised that she will forward it to the Building Department asking that the demolition be put on hold.

Ms. Mary Ellen Slayzk then addressed the Board. Ms. Slazyk said her daughter is interested in buying 505 Highland Street which is on the demolition list. Ms. Kantar said work is being done without permits or inspections and the lender will not having work done there. Ms. Kantar said she will give the lender’s information to Ms. Slayzk. Ms. Slayzk said if the house is demolished it will mean another empty lot in the City which she does not want.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Garay to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary