

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2017**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2017, 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 meetings of November 3, 2016 and November 10, 2016; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Request for advertising dates of February 9, 2017 and February 16, 2017 with a bid opening date of March 3, 2017 for the 2017 Hammond and Whiting Sidewalk Program. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4043)

Contract with Nies Engineering, Inc. for engineering services in the Rhode Island Reconstruction project – Becker Street to Carroll Street. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-048)

LPA Consulting Contract with First Group Engineering, Inc. for engineering services in Hawk Signals at Douglas Street and the Erie Lackawanna Trail, 175th Street and the Erie Lackawanna Trail and 150th Street and the Grand Marquette Trail – Des. No. 1601164. Mr. Dostatni said the contract has a cap of \$81,200 and will be paid with 80% federal funding. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-049)

LPA Consulting Contract with First Group Engineering, Inc. for engineering services in the Pedestrian Refuge Island on 173rd Street between Woodmar Avenue and Ontario Avenue – Des. No. 1601163. Mr. Dostatni said the cost of the contract is \$131,690 and the pedestrian island is a safety improvement. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-050)

Change Order No. 2 received from United Consulting for the Northcote Avenue Lighting Improvements. Mr. Dostatni advised the change order is a decrease in cost to the City of \$61,184. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-051)

License Agreement with Porter’s Apparel, Inc. for property located at 4510, 4524, 4532 and 4536 Hohman Avenue for environmental monitoring. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-052)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty advising of the relinquishment of FTO Specialty Pay to Officers Dan Mohoi and Jason Quick, requesting approval of the promotion of Officer Patrick McKechnie to the rank of Captain, with Specialty Pay, Evidence Technician Specialty Pay to Officers Daniel Crook and Charles Mixon, approval of the Morton High School’s 4th Annual 5K Run/Dog Walk and Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by

Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-053)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4347 Torrence Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, appears, said there are two (2) garage apartment which do not have minimum ceiling height, no fire separation and do not meet zoning status. Mr. Farrell then requested the Board affirm the Findings to remove the units. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-054)

Agreements to Rehabilitate Property Located at 6517 Harrison Avenue and 505 Highland Street. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-055)

Mr. Dostatni recognized 2<sup>nd</sup> District Councilman Pete Torres in the audience.

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 7450 Southeastern Avenue – First Extension. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-056)

Orders to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 4320 Torrence Avenue, 7815 Chestnut Avenue, 23 – 25 Webb Street, 1020 Highland Street (front and rear), 6327 Forest Avenue, 1512 125th Street, 959 Michigan Street. 1903 Clay Street, 1909 Clay Street, 441 Lewis Street and 4149 Sheffield Avenue. Ms. Kantar said all properties have either been demolished, rehabilitated or the demolition order has expired. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-057)

Contract for Demolition Services with IESCO Construction for properties located at 3107 163rd Place, 3342 173rd Street (front and rear), 521 Conkey Street, 6436 Forest Avenue, 7512 Linden Avenue, 7516 Linden Avenue, 6518 Parrish Avenue, 5533 Sohl Avenue and 5643 Walter Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$85,940. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-058)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting \$5,000 of district gaming funds be transferred to the Park Department for the removal of trees in the 3rd District. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-059)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Ms. Garay to set this matter for February 23, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-060)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, requesting permission to close off the south alley on the even side of the 100 and 200 block of Gostlin Street until demolition has been completed due to illegal dumping of debris. Mr. Dostatni said there are houses being demolished for the Chicago Street project in that area. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-061)

Amusement Device listing for the week of January 30, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-062)

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-063)

Change Order No. 5 received from Rex Construction Co., Inc. for the Hump Road – Summer Street to the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad. Mr. Dostatni advised the change order is for a decrease in cost to the City of \$15,074. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-064)

Under New Business, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Councilman Pete Torres requested a letter be sent to CSX requesting the railroad tracks on the 4500 block of Sheffield Avenue be repaired. Mr. Dostatni requested the letter be sent by the Law Department.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Ms. Garay to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Margraf. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette