

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MAY 11, 2017

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 – absent; Mr. Margraf – present.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2017; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

Joint Use and Maintenance Agreement between the Indiana Department of Transportation and the City of Hammond Concerning the Maintenance of the Erie Lackawanna Trail Over Calumet Avenue aka US 41. Mr. Dostatni advised the State made changes to the insurance clause which is why the Agreement must be signed again. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-358)

Correspondence from Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc. requesting permission for lane restrictions on Kennedy Avenue 1,000' north and south of the Little Calumet River for resurfacing beginning at 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 15, 2017 through May 16, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-359)

Proposal for Geotechnical Exploration Services received from ATC Environmental requesting permission to conduct geotechnical borings for proposed reconstruction on Rhode Avenue between Carroll Street and Becker Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-360)

Correspondence received from Earth Exploration, Inc. requesting permission to conduct a geotechnical evaluation for proposed pedestrian crossing signal near Lyman Avenue and Douglas Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-361)

Correspondence received from Mayor McDermott, Jr. authorizing the allocation of \$200,000 from Mayor's gaming account to the Façade Rebate Program. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-362)

Contract with Teamsters Local Union No. 142. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said she has reviewed the contract. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-363)

Ms. Garay appears for the meeting at 9:08 a.m. Normal rules of procedure are reinstated.

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of Officer Todd Larson being transferred from the Uniform Division to Criminal Investigations Division with

Detective Specialty Pay, Officer Enrique Cook to perform in the capacity of a K-9 handler with Specialty Pay, the promotion of Officer Amanda Earley to 2nd Class Patrolman and a disciplinary matter. Motion by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-364)

Business License Denial Hearing – Andrews Automotive. Business owner fails to appear. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said there is an issue over ownership pending in probate court and requested the Board take no action. Motion by Ms. Garay to defer this matter; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-365)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6738 – 40 Hohman Avenue. Property owner appears, said she has owned the property since 2006, lived there until 2013 and thought she paid rental registration when she paid her water bill. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Code Enforcement Commissioner, said there is a homestead exemption on the property and rental registration was last paid in 2012. Motion by Ms. Garay to assess one (1) late fee of \$500, rental registration at \$80 for 2013, \$80 for 2014 for one (1) unit, \$5 each year for 2015, 2016 and 2017 per unit; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-366)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Ms. Garay to set these matters for hearing on June 22, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-367)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing set for May 25, 2017 be continued to June 1, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-368)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision regarding property located at 1325 173rd Street (4 units). Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-369)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 4504 Towle Avenue (424 Gostlin Street). Ms. Kantar said the Order to Demolish was entered in 2013 and came up in a title search as the house is being sold. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-370)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting diseased or dead trees on private property on the 900 and 1000 blocks of Highland Street be inspected and/or removed. Mr. Prieto said that he received the same letter from Councilman Higgs and the letter does not give specific addresses for the location of trees to be inspected or removed. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this to Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-371)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Mohawks requesting permission to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 29, 2017, with route. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded

by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-372)

Correspondence received from Leon's Triathlon requesting permission for street closure on US41/Calumet Avenue, Sheffield Avenue, 129th Street, 119th Street and Forsythe Park Road from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 4, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-373)

Engagement Letter with Page, Wolfberg & Wirth LLC. Ms. Kantar said the firm will be reviewing Accumed billing for the Hammond Fire Department. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-374)

Correspondence received from Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church requesting permission for street closure of Ben Levin Drive and Meadow Lane from Friday, June 9, 2017 to Monday, June 12, 2017, barricades and snow fence for its annual church festival. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-375)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-376)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received a Notice to Bidders for the demolition of 1021 169th Street (rear only), 1236 175th Street, 7909 Belmont Avenue, 7622 Catalpa Avenue (garage/shed only), 4137 Dearborn Avenue, 4415 Henry Avenue, 7222 Jackson Avenue, 4409 Johnson Avenue, 2824 New York Avenue, 7149 Ontario Avenue, 7449 Parrish Avenue, 1527 River Drive, 7015 – 17 Van Buren Avenue, 636 Willow Court and 704 Willow Court with advertising dates of Thursday, June 1, 2017 and Thursday, June 8, 2017 with a bid opening date of June 29, 2017 with advertising dates of June 1, 2017 and June 8, 2017 and a bid opening date of June 29, 2017. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Res. No. 4048)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 850 Mulberry Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-377)

Bid recommendation received from Chief of Inspections, Mr. Kelly Kearney, to JM Industrial, Inc. for the demolition of 5640 Alice Avenue, 4346 Hickory Avenue, 6248 Jackson Avenue, 1408 Sherman Street, 662 Sibley Street, 948 Summer Street and 235 Wildwood Road (2 parcels), 903 Bauer Street (garage only) to Property Boss, 6129 – 31 Calumet Avenue to Midway General and 7608 Linden Avenue to RSR Demolition, LLC. Mr. Kearney also noted in his correspondence that two (2) bidders, IESCO Construction, Inc. and D & R Site Services, have been found to be non-responsible bidders and does not recommend the award of any bids to either bidder until such matters are resolved. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-378)

Correspondence received from Councilman Pedro Torres requesting \$500,000 be allocated from gaming funds for 2nd District Park Improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-379)

Correspondence received from Mayor McDermott allocating \$150,000 from Mayor's Gaming to 2nd District Park Improvements. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-380)

Chicago Street Reconstruction lane closure schedule received. Mr. Dostatni said these are specific lane closures that will be brought by the contractor and the dates may be changed. Correspondence received. (Ins. No. 17-381)

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Mr. Lendi to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

APPROVED: February 7, 2013

By: _____
William J. O'Connor, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary