

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF MAY 26, 2016**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 26, 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 Ms. Garay to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 29, 2015 and November 5, 2015; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Proposal for Around Town Charging Station Installation submitted by EMCOR Hyre Electric. Mr. Dostatni advised the charging station is being paid for by a grant and the City will only be responsible for NIPSCO. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-365)

Requests for Permit received from Construction-CAD Solutions, Inc. for the installation of WOW fiber optic cable on 165<sup>th</sup> Street to feed Verizon Cell Towers. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-366)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the promotion of Officer Philip Kizziah, Officer Yon Fletcher and Officer Russell Moore to the rank of Master Sergeant, Officer Paul Maldonado to the rank of Sergeant all with pay adjustment effective May 26, 2016, approval for Officer Juan Ortiz to receive ET Specialty Pay retroactive to November 20, 2015, Officer Michael Danko to be reinstated to Master Sergeant, with Specialty Pay retroactive to March 27, 2016 and the resignation of Officer April Brown effective May 25, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-367)

Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, appears for the City of Hammond in the following demolition hearings.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 3103 163<sup>rd</sup> Place. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar said photos of the located do show progress and requested this matter be continued to August 18, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 5714 Calumet Avenue. Ms. Kantar said the property owner has a rehab agreement and there has been significant progress. Ms. Kantar then requested this matter be set for status on August 18, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 840 Eaton Street. Ms. Kantar said the property owner has the property under a rehab agreement and the Board lowered the bond amount to \$5,000 cash/certified check. Ms. Kantar then requested this matter be set for status on August 18, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 27 Elizabeth Street. Ms. Kantar said progress is being made, remove property from the demolition list and requested Code Enforcement to monitor progress. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 430 Highland Street. Ms. Kantar said progress is being made and requested this matter be set for status on August 18, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 4504 – 10 Hohman Avenue. Ms. Kantar said she spoke with Attorney Michael Muenich, representing the property owner, who said the property is still in the taking action by the railroad. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be set for status on August 18, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 1117 Michigan Street. Ms. Kantar requested this property be removed from the demolition list and requested the Board sign the order to rescind the demolition order. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 6239 Monroe Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Ruben Hernandez, appears. Ms. Kantar said the house is showing progress but the garage has had no repairs done. Ms. Kantar requested this matter be set for status on August 18, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 1116 Moss Street. Property owner appears and said the chute from a window to a dumpster is gone. Ms. Kantar said the property does have a Demolition Order in place, a previous rehab agreement expired with no substantial work done and an amended rehab agreement was entered which said no further extensions and all work was to be completed by June of 2016. Ms. Kantar then requested this matter be set for status on August 18, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 4723 Sheffield Avenue. Ms. Kantar said she received correspondence from the property owner, progress is being made and then requested this matter be set for status on August 18, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 4407 Sheffield Avenue (center), 4401 – 03 Sheffield Avenue (north) and 4409 – 11 Sheffield Avenue (south). Attorney Robert Sorge appears for the property owners. Ms. Kantar advised the properties are all under a written agreement to rehabilitate which does not expire until October of this year. Ms. Kantar then requested these matters be continued to August 18, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 555 State Street. Ms. Kantar said the house is being self-demolished and after the demolition is complete the property should be removed from

the demolition list.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 7609 Walnut Avenue. Attorney Golding appears for the property owner. Ms. Kantar said electrical, plumbing and building permits have been issued and progress is being made. Ms. Kantar then requested this matter be set for status on August 18, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 7446 White Oak Avenue. Attorney Zabaneh appears for property owner. Ms. Kantar requested the property be removed from the demolition list and the Board sign the Order to Rescind the Demolition Order. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 1125 Wilcox Street. Ms. Kantar requested this property be removed from the demolition list and Code Enforcement monitor the property. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 6813 Woodmar Avenue. Ms. Kantar received correspondence from the property owner's attorney, said progress is being made and requested this matter be set for status on August 18, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL.

Demolition hearing on property located at 3107 163<sup>rd</sup> Place. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar said photographs show a boarded up brick single family home with a hole in the roof, soffit and fascia rotted and the shed in the back yard is dilapidated and boarded up. Ms. Kantar requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1036 Ames Street (garage only). Ms. Kantar advised the garage has been self-demolished and requested the file be closed. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5526 Beall Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar said the two (2) story frame house has broken, rotted windows, there is a large dead tree in the front yards and a window air conditioner is held up by 2x4's. Ms. Kantar then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1010 Chicago Street (garage only). Ms. Kantar advised the garage has been self-demolished and requested this file be closed. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1020 Chicago Street (garage only). Ms. Kantar advised the garage has been self-demolished and requested this file be closed. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6239 Harrison Avenue. Attorney Driscoll sent

correspondence advised the property owners have paid for an inspection and would like to enter into a rehab agreement. Motion by Ms. Garay to continue this matter to August 18, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5412 Howard Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Burton, said he has been in contact with Attorney Nicole Bennett regarding selling the property. Ms. Kantar said the frame house has missing siding, debris in the yard, a large dead tree, boarded up windows, rear yard is full of debris and the shed in the back yard is rotting. Ms. Kantar requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish but stay issuance of permits until the status hearing date of August 18, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6857 Kennedy Avenue. Property owner appears and said there is a pending contract sale due to close in August. Ms. Kantar said the property, a vacant car wash, has debris in the drive areas and requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish but stay issuance of permits until August 25, 2016 to allow sale to occur. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1023 – 1025 Kenwood Street. Property owner representative, Bishop Wallace Johnson of Taliefero/Emmanuel Temple Church, appears and said there is an interested buyer who will demolish the building. Ms. Kantar said the lot is garbage filled which hides a garage that is missing an entire wall. Ms. Kantar requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish but stay issuance of permits until August 18, 2016 to allow sale to occur. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 7206 Maryland Avenue. Property owner, FBNI, fails to appear. Ms. Kantar said the property is boarded up due to fire damage and the yard is unmaintained. Ms. Kantar then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 1047 Moss Street. Ms. Kantar advised the garage has been self-demolished and requested the file be closed. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6518 Parrish Avenue. Attorney John Dull appears for the property owners and said the property owners are interested in signing a rehab agreement and will call for an inspection. Ms. Kantar said the property has a rotted tarp on the roof, soffit and fascia are rotted, boarded up back door and the garage is boarded up with a failing roof. Ms. Kantar then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish but stay issuance of permits until August 18, 2016 to allow time for an inspection to be done and a rehab agreement to be signed. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5533 Sohl Avenue. Property owner appears and said he has been working on the house. Ms. Kantar said the property is fire damaged, boarded up and the roof is failing. Ms. Kantar advised the property owner that an inspection needs to be done, a rehab agreement signed and permits need to be obtained before any other work is done. Ms. Kantar then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish but stay issuance of permits until August 18,

2016 to allow inspection and rehab agreement to be completed. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5639 Sohl Avenue. Ms. Kantar advised this property is on the Hardest Hit listing and is awaiting demolition.

Demolition hearing on property located at 607 Thornton Street. Attorney Bryan Redmond appears for the lender, said the bank will charge off the loan and has no objection to demolition. Ms. Kantar requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 6921 Van Buren Avenue (garage only). Attorney Redmond appears and said the house is going up on Sheriff sale on June 3, 2016 and if bank wins bid, it will repair or demolish the garage. Ms. Kantar said the garage is collapsing, the roof has failed and part of the gutter is hanging in the yard. Motion by Ms. Garay to continue this matter to August 18, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5520 Walter Avenue. Ms. Kantar advised that the house has been demolished and requested this file be closed. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition hearing on property located at 5643 Walter Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Kantar said the frame two (2) story house has part of the roof hanging off the side of the house, the shed/garage is rotted, yard is full of debris and there is a ladder going from the first floor to the second floor which presents a safety hazard. Ms. Kantar then requested the Board enter the Order to Demolish. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

All demolition hearings under (Ins. No. 16-368)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish Property Located at 7204 Madison Avenue (garage only). Ms. Kantar said the issue regarding the garage has been resolved. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-369)

Contract for Professional Services with American Salvage & Deconstruction of Indiana, Inc. for the demolition of 47 Mason Street at a cost of \$5,800. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-370)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7218 Tennessee Avenue. Property owner appears and said the property was not a rental until December of 2015. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2015 and \$5 per unit for 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-371)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing. Motion by Ms. Garay to set this matter for hearing on July 7, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-372)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, requesting approval to auction trucks and miscellaneous equipment from Public Works and the Hammond Fire Department and to place "Resident Parking Only" signs on the 600 block of Mulberry Street. Motion to approve the request to hold an auction on July 9, 2016 and to place "Residential Parking Only" signs on the 600 block of Mulberry Street; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-373)

Request for advertising dates of June 2, 2016 and June 9, 2016 for Disposal of Surplus Property by Sealed Bids at Public Sale for the auction being held by Public Works. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-374)

Correspondence received from Mr. Jose Orozco, 6258 Jefferson Avenue, requesting an encroachment. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to the Engineering Department and Zoning; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-375)

Correspondence received from St. Casimir Parish, 4340 Johnson Avenue, requesting traffic control during their Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, May 29, 2016 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-376)

Correspondence received from Ms. Karen Maravilla requesting permission create and hang a sign in front of EAT restaurant and also to paint a hopscotch game in front of EAT. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to Zoning; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-377)

Correspondence received from Ms. Elisabeth Bes requesting the corner of 115th Street and Parkview Avenue to the alley way be closed on Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to midnight be closed for her daughter's graduation party. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to the Police Department and Public Works; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-378)

Correspondence received from WOW! regarding an increase in cost effective July 1, 2016. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 16-379)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-380)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received correspondence from Mr. Antonia Arcely, Location Manager for Cultivate Studios, requesting permission to film a commercial for Ozinga Concrete at 7222 Magoun Avenue and 7239 Magoun Avenue and to break out and repair a square piece of sidewalk to City standards after handprints have been made in the wet concrete. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve the request with the disclaimer that marking on concrete is not acceptable on City property to follow the commercial; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-381)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 4905 Linden Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-382)

Correspondence received from the Apostolic House of Prayer, 403 Highland Street, requesting permission to hold a car wash with street closure at Blaine Street from the alley to Highland Street on Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-383)

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 9:58 a.m.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary