

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2017**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 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 Ms. Garay to approve the minutes of the meetings of January 12, 2017 and January 19, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Request for bid dates of March 16, 2017 and March 23, 2017 with a bid opening date of April 6, 2017 for the 3rd District Local Street Project – Van Buren Avenue Lighting Improvement – 165th Street to Conkey Street. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2857)

Correspondence received from Construction-CAD Solutions, Inc. requesting approval of the permit submitted for 2757 Sheffield Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-136)

Bid recommendation from Nies Engineering, Inc. for the 2017 Hammond and Whiting Sidewalk Program. Mr. Dostatni said this item will be deferred. Motion by Ms. Garay to defer this matter; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-137)

Alley Access & Use Easement (East & West) from the City of Hammond to the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said this is an exchange of mutual easements for the Chicago Avenue project. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-138)

Correspondence received from Comcast requesting approval of a Request for Permit to conduct work at 1401 165th Street, 1324 Field Street and 165th Street and Kennedy Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-139)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to conduct work at 1716 165th Street. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-140)

Correspondence received from Verita Telecommunications Corporation requesting permission to conduct work on 165th Street and Parrish Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-141)

Correspondence received from 2nd District Councilman Pete Torres requesting \$9,500 of district gaming funds be allocated for an amendment to a design engineering contract with VS Engineering. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins.

No. 17-142)

Correspondence received from Councilman Kalwinski, Councilman Torres, Councilman Emerson, Councilman Woerpel, Councilman Rakos and Councilman Higgs each allocating \$5,000 for various engineering services. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-143)

Correspondence received from Horseshoe Casino requesting permission to place light pole banners along Casino Center Drive. Mr. Dostatni said the casino has requested this in the past but prior to making a decision this matter should be referred to the Engineering Department to determine the ability of the light poles to withstand the banner placement. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to the Engineering Department; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-144)

Correspondence received from Westland & Bennett, PC confirming representation of the City of Hammond for Chicago Street condemnation cases. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-145)

Notice to Residents – Little Calumet River Flood Risk Management Project Hammond – Forest Avenue Tieback. Mr. Dostatni said the work is being done to install a tie back structure. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-146)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty submitting the Petition for Retirement from the Hammond Police Department of Sergeant Willian Reshkin, effective July 2, 2017, the appointment of Sean Matheny as a Probationer member effective March 2, 2017 and Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-147)

Mr. Dostatni acknowledged Councilwoman Janet Venecz in the audience.

Correspondence received from Fire Chief Jeffery Smith requesting the promotion of Anthony Smith, Anthony Janiga, Timothy O’Neil and Nichols Richards from Probationary Firefighter to Private Firefighter, effective March 7, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-148)

Correspondence received from Mr. Alan Timbaland requesting the hearing on the denial of a business license for House of Cars 2 LLC, which he failed to appear for, be given a new hearing date. Motion by Ms. Garay to deny the request; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-149)

Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 6609 Jefferson Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-150)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 5536 Claude Avenue – Second

Amendment. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said progress is being made but additional time is needed. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-151)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 6352 Hohman Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections, said there is an illegal 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment, the structure is being taxed as single family and there is no fire separation. Mr. Farrell then requested the Board sign the Finding requiring the removal of the second floor apartment. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-152)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2838 173rd Street. Property owner appears, said he bought the two (2) unit property in 2012, did not receive a notice to pay 2015 or 2016 and has paid for 2017. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said the rental registration notices had been sent to the property owner's mother's address. Motion by Ms. Garay to assess one (1) late fee, rental registration at \$80 per unit for 2015 and \$5 per unit for 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-153)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Ms. Garay to set these matters for hearing on April 13, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-154)

Correspondence received requesting a rental registration hearing set for March 23, 2017 be heard on March 16, 2017 as the property owner will be out of town the week the hearing is currently set for. Motion by Ms. Garay to reschedule the hearing to March 16, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-155)

Correspondence received from Salyer Plumbing, Inc. requesting permission to repair or replace water service at Korellis Roofing, Inc. 1247 – 1333 169th Street with lane closure. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-156)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, advising of the placement of "No Parking" signs on Kennedy Avenue east to the alley on 171st Street, for a ninety (90) day trial period, due traffic congestion. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-157)

Correspondence received from Hammond Parks & Recreation requesting J.F. Mahoney Drive be rerouted to one (1) way traveling east on Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the Indoor Garage Sale. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-158)

Certificate of Liability Insurance received from Ms. Dawn Tomich for a firework display at the Civic Center on Saturday, March 11, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-159)

Correspondence received from the Controller's Office requesting an additional petty cash box

to regulate new audit controls with cash handling operations. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-160)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Margraf said he has not received all of the information needed from the Northwest Indiana Puerto Rican Committee of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and requested this matter be deferred. Motion by Ms. Garay to defer this matter; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Mr. Kearney then requested permission to leave a portion of the foundation in at 4548 Hohman Avenue as it may collapse if taken out. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

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 9:25 a.m.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary