

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, 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 defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 2, 2017; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Request for advertising dates of March 30, 2017 and April 6, 2017 with a bid opening date of April 20, 2017 for Hohman Avenue Pavement Reconstruction Project – Hoffman Street to Huehn Street. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4045)

Request for advertising dates of March 30, 2017 and April 6, 2017 with a bid opening date of April 20, 2017 for the demolition of 5640 Alice Avenue, 903 Bauer Street (garage only), 6129 – 31 Calumet Avenue, 4346 Hickory Avenue, 6248 Jackson Avenue, 7608 Linden Avenue, 1408 Sherman Street, 662 Sibley Street, 948 Summer Street and 235 Wildwood Street (2 parcels). Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4044)

Joint Use and Maintenance Agreement Between INDOT and the City of Hammond Concerning Maintenance of the Erie Lackawanna Trail Over Calumet Avenue (aka US 41). Mr. Dostatni said INDOT will be inspecting the trail over Calumet Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-189)

Bid recommendation for Kennedy Avenue and 174th Street Intersection Improvements received from United Consulting to Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc., low bidder at \$235,395. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-190)

Agreement with Carras-Szany-Kuhn & Associates, PC for the preliminary budget estimate for the construction cost to renovate a portion of the existing City jail facility to accommodate Federal inmates. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-191)

Correspondence received from BP Pipelines, Inc. requesting permission to conduct pipeline repair at 167th Street and Wicker Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-192)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of General Order #02-01 – Sick Policy and Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Ms. Garay to defer approval of General Order #02-01 and to approve the Disposal Authorizations; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-193)

Demolition status hearing on property located at 7761 New Hampshire Avenue. Property owner appears and stated he needs two (2) to three (3) weeks to complete plumbing repairs. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, had no objection. Motion by Ms. Garay to continue this matter to April 20, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Demolition status hearing on property located at 6129 – 31 Calumet Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar said there is a new owner, who was to appear today, who has done no work on the property. Ms. Kantar requested the demolition Findings & Order be entered. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-194)

Correspondence received from Mr. Brian Poland, Director of City Planning, requesting permission to subdivide property at the former Erie Lackawanna property - 169th Street to the intersection of Columbia Avenue and Southeastern Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-195)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 7601 Magnolia Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, said there are an illegal cellar and garage apartment which the property owner is cooperating in the removal. Mr. Farrell requested the Board affirm the Findings requiring the removal of the illegal units. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-196)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 3923 177th Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Farrell said there were multiple bedrooms in the cellar which were removed by the property management company for the property owner. Mr. Farrell then requested the Board affirm the Findings requiring the removal of the illegal bedrooms. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-197)

Restriction on Use of Property located at 1650 Myrtle Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Farrell said there is a basement apartment that the property owner's son lives in and as a result Mr. Farrell requested the Board affirm the Restriction on Use of Property, which will become enforceable when the son moves out. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-198)

Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 5903 Wallace Avenue and 5909 Wallace Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-199)

Correspondence received from Mr. Richard Smith requesting the rental registration hearing for property located at 3319 173rd Street currently set for April 13, 2017 be heard on April 6, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay to set this matter for April 6, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-200)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Ms. Garay to set

these matters for hearing on April 27, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-201)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, advising that Sherwin Williams Paint Store is requesting permission to have a paint machine demonstration on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Public Works Complex. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 17-202)

Correspondence received from the Annual Heart Walk Committee requesting street closure from Tapper Avenue and Highland Street and Tapper Avenue and Lyons Street from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on June 17, 2017 for a 5 mile Heart Walk at Martin Luther King Park. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-203)

Correspondence received from the Whiting Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce requesting approval of the annual Garage Mahal, Saturday, May 20, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-204)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received a request from the Engineering Department to place “No Parking between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.” signs on the south side of Ogden Street between 118 – 144 beginning March 24, 2017 and ending March 31, 2017 for work to be performed in the parkway. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-205)

Under Old Business, status of H.U.G.S. parade to be held September 16, 2017. Mr. Alberto Ochoa, Chairman, appears. Mr. Ochoa said the parade will disburse at 169th Street and Kennedy Avenue and that H.U.G.S. would like to use the Civic Center for festivities after the parade. Mr. Margraf responded that the Board cannot give permission to use the Civic Center and that request will have to be made directly to that facility. Motion by Ms. Garay to defer this matter; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-206)

Status of the Northwest Indiana Puerto Rican Committee of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico parade and festivities to be held after. Mr. David Rodriguez, President, fails to appear but Mr. Alberto Ochoa speaks on his behalf. Mr. Ochoa said that Mr. Rodriguez is request Kennedy Avenue from 165th Street to 169th Street be closed for the parade as well as the festivities after the parade. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-207)

Status of Motel 6 repair. Attorney John Reed appears for Motel 6. Mr. Kurt Koch, Building Commissioner, fails to appear but sent correspondence regarding the status of the railing. Mr. Reed said that Mr. Koch, wants load testing done prior to issuing permits. Mr. Dostatni said that he went to Motel 6 yesterday and saw some of the anchors holding the railings are rusted. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said this is a safety issue and requested the Board not rule until Mr. Koch is present. Motion by Ms. Garay to defer this matter for one (1) week; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-208)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Margraf

to adjourn; Mr. Dostatni concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary