

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
**MINUTES OF MARCH 30, 2017**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, March 30, 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 meeting of February 2, 2017 and February 9, 2017; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Correspondence received from BP Pipelines Inc. requesting permission for street closure at 167th Street and Wicker Avenue for pipeline repair from April 10, 2017 through April 28, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-209)

Correspondence received from EN Engineering requesting approval to conduct work at Calumet Avenue, Columbia Avenue and White Oak Avenue with lane closure. Mr. Dostatni said EN Engineering is doing this work for NIPSCO for the Chicago Street project. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-210)

Contract with INDOT for the Installation of License Plate Reader (LPR) Equipment at Overhead Sign Structures on Various Highways in the City of Hammond. Motion by Ms. Garay to approve subject to approval by Corporation Counsel Kristina Kantar; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-211)

Correspondence received from the Hammond Police Department with approvals for the Annual Heart Walk at Martin Luther King Park and the parade sponsored by the Northwest Indiana Puerto Rican Committee of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 17-212)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Ms. Garay to set these matters for hearing on May 4, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-213)

Order to Rescind Order to Demolish property located at 7436 Arizona Avenue aka 7430 Arizona Avenue. Mr. Jaime Prieto, Code Enforcement Commissioner, said all improvements have been completed. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-214)

Correspondence received from WOW! Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 17-215)

Correspondence received from Ms. Michelle Robinson, Cause4PAWS Gary, requesting permission to place signs for an upcoming event in the City. Mr. Dostatni said that Public Works only places signage for the City, not individual groups but she can speak with Mr. Gary Gleason,

Director of Public Work, to determine where the signs can be replaced. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-216)

Garage Sale Permit submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-217)

Correspondence received from St. Margaret Mary Church, 1445 Hoffman Street, requesting street closures for Easter processions. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-218)

Under Matters from Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received notification from Mr. Art Peschke requesting closure of Boy Scout Drive. Mr. Dostatni said a more specific written request is necessary prior to approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Mr. Dostatni also received a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Hammond, Indiana and Franciscan Health Hammond Hospital. Motion by Ms. Garay to defer this matter; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-219)

Mr. Dostatni recognized Councilwoman Janet Venecz in the audience.

Under Old Business, status on Motel 6. Attorney John Reed fails to appear. Mr. Kurt Koch, Building Commissioner, said he has had no contact with Mr. Reed and requested the Board deny the variance on the railings at Motel 6. Mr. Dostatni said he went to look at the railings, found them to have a substantial amount of rust and the inside of the railings may be rusted. Motion by Ms. Garay to deny the request for the variance of the railings at Motel 6; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-220)

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:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary