

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JUNE 22, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 22, 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 June 15, 2017; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Bid opening – 3rd District Local Street Project – Rhode Avenue Reconstruction Project – Becker Street to Carroll Street. Bids received as follows:

Rieth Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$546,851.32
Walsh & Kelly, Inc.	\$455,771.62

Motion by Ms. Garay to refer the bids to the consulting engineer for tabulation and recommendation; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2857)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 700 Hoffman Street. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-548)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval for Officer David Deboer to received FTO Specialty Pay effective June 12, 2017, Officer Walter Peterson to retire his K-9 which will require him to relinquish K-9 Specialty Pay effective June 18, 2017, approval for Officer Walter Peterson to the rank of Master Sergeant effective June 18, 2017, Officer Dylan Bartley to be promoted to the rank of Sergeant effective June 20, 2017 and approval for various block parties and street closures. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-549)

Notice of Violation for property located at 630 – 34 Thornton Street. Property owner appears. Mr. Michael Coles, Inspector, Inspections Department, said that the property had an illegal basement unit which the owner has removed and requested the Board sign the Findings and Order regarding the same. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-550)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4738 Baltimore Avenue. Property owner appears, with his son who translates, said his son lives there and pays no rent. Mr. Prieto advised an affidavit must be completed yearly if a family member lives at a property and pays no rent. Motion by Ms. Garay to dismiss this action; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-551)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1312 121st Street. Property owner appears by a representative who said the property owner forgot to pay by the deadline but tenants just moved in June 15, 2017. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-552)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1330 Sherman Street. Property owner appears, had to evict the previous tenants but the property will be soon be rented again. Motion by Ms. Garay to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$5 per unit for 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-553)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4759 Catalpa Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Motion by Ms. Garay to deny the appeal, assess the late fee of \$500 and rental registration of \$5 per unit for 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-554)

Correspondence received from the Excel Center – Hammond, a high school for adults wanting to earn a high school diploma, requesting permission to place yard signs with contact information at City parks, community centers, government buildings and other high traffic areas. Motion by Ms. Garay to notify the Excel Center that City policy prevents sign placement on City property and that the Excel Center signs can be placed on bulletin boards in City Hall; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-555)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gus Moreno, 6735 Rhode Island Avenue, requesting street closure for the 6700 and 6800 blocks of Rhode Island Avenue for their annual 4th of July block party. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-556)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Ms. Garay to set these matters for hearing on July 27, 2017; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-557)

Disposal Authorizations received from the Hammond Police Department. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-558)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-559)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Ms. Andrea Johnson, Knickerbocker Parkway, said the City has placed 15 mph speed limit signs on the street between 171st Street and 173rd Street, police patrol has increased but cars speeding has not decreased. Ms. Johnson requested “Children Playing” signs be place on the street also. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to Public Works; 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 9:22 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Heather Garay; Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary