

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2017, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Dostatni – present; Ms. Garay – absent; Mr. Margraf – present.

Due to the absence of Ms. Garay; normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Correspondence received from Mr. Dean Button, City Engineer, submitting a request from Norfolk Southern Railroad for track closures in September, October and November. Mr. Button said IHB and CSX closures are also listed. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-751)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting \$48,000 of gaming funds be allocated for the Street Overly Program. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-752)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting \$2,900 of gaming funds be used for testing done by ATC Group Services, LLC. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-753)

Agreement with ATC Group Services, LLC for construction material testing services on Rhode Avenue between Carroll Street and Becker Street at a cost of \$2,900. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-754)

Correspondence received from 5th District Councilman Dave Woerpel requesting \$16,400 for engineering services and \$163,199.10 for construction of Birch Avenue, Birch Place and 172nd Place lighting be allocated from gaming funds. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve subject to the Mayor's signature; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-755)

Construction Inspection Agreement received from United Consulting for engineering services in the Birch Avenue, Birch Place and 172nd Place Lighting Project at a cost of \$16,400. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-756)

Contract with Hawk Enterprises, Inc. for the Birch Avenue, Birch Place and 172nd Place Lighting Project at a cost of \$163,199.10. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-757)

Request for Permit received from Comcast to install underground cable on 173rd Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-758)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the

promotion of Officer Simon Siba to the rank of 2nd Class Patrolman and Disposal Authorizations. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-759)

Contract for Demolition Services with Midway General Construction for the demolition of 6129 – 31 Calumet Avenue in the amount of \$38,000. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, advised this demolition will take place as soon as possible. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-760)

Contract for Demolition Services with JM Industrial Services, Inc. for the demolition of 7247 Calumet Avenue in the amount of \$12,750. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-761)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4428 Torrence Avenue – two (2) units. Property owner appears by, Mr. Pablo Gutierrez, who said the property owner lives in Texas and he is appearing for her. Ms. Kantar said this has been sent for collection in both 2013 and 2015 but paid for in 2016. Ms. Kantar then said the Building Department has requested one (1) late fee for 2017 with rental registration at \$5 per unit. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to assess one (1) late fee of \$500 with rental registration at \$5 per unit; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-762)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony Higgs requesting an overlay on the 100 block of Mason Street from State Line Avenue to Hohman Avenue. Mr. Dostatni advised that Councilman Higgs has already allocated gaming funds to pay for this under letter “B” of this agenda. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 17-763)

Correspondence received from Hammond High School requesting permission to hold a parade on Friday, September 15, 2017 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Eggers Middle School, ending at Hammond High School with Police and Fire escorts. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-764)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-765)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received correspondence from Councilman Scott Rakos requesting \$30,155.89 be allocated from gaming funds for the 2017 Overlay Program. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Mr. Dostatni concurred. (Ins. No. 17-766)

Under Old Business, response received from Mr. Don Novak, Zoning & Real Estate Manager, from resident, Ms. Natalia Lee, to place a Little Free Library in her yard. Mr. Novak requested the exact location of where the library would be placed, a drawing and site plan for his review and approval of Ms. Lee’s request. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 17-767)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, resident Mr. Herbert Lewis requested permission to hold a small fireworks show in his backyard on the anniversary of the September 11th attack. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to approve and notify the Hammond Police Department and the Hammond Fire Department; Mr. Dostatni concurred.

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 9:21 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Heather Garay; Vice President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary