

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
MINUTES DECEMBER 21, 2017**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 21, 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 December 7, 2017 and December 14, 2017; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Proposal opening – Marquette Greenway Shared Use Path – Des. No. 13382659. Proposals received as follows:

Bollinger Lach & Associates	333 Pierce Road Suite 200 Itasca, Illinois 60143
DLZ	900 Ridge Road Suite L Munster, Indiana 46321
Ciorba Group	5507 Cumberland Avenue Suite 402 Chicago, Illinois 60656
First Group Engineering, Inc.	5925 Lakeside Boulevard Indianapolis, Indiana 46278
ESI Consultants of Indiana	1280 West 97 <sup>th</sup> Lane Suite 100 Crown Point, Indiana 46307
HWC Engineering	135 Pennsylvania Street Suite 2 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
Nies Engineering, Inc.	2421 173 <sup>rd</sup> Street Hammond, Indiana 46323

Motion by Ms. Garay to refer the proposals to the Engineering Department for recommendation; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4061)

Request for advertising dates of December 28, 2017 and January 4, 2018 with a bid opening date of January 18, 2018 for Installation of Decorative Street Lighting on Condit Street from State Line Avenue to Hohman Avenue, Indiana Street from Calumet Avenue to Maywood Avenue, Truman Street from Calumet Avenue to Maywood Avenue, Walnut Avenue from Roosevelt Street to Michigan Street, White Oak Avenue from Roosevelt Street to Michigan Street, Hickory Avenue from Chicago Street to Hoffman Street, Elm Avenue from Chicago Street to Hoffman Street and Columbia Avenue from 143rd Street to Gostlin Street. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4059)

Amendment No. 4 received from American Structurepoint for Reconstruction and Widening of Chicago Street between Brainard Avenue and White Oak Avenue, Des. Nos. 1297017, 1500221 and 1500724 in the amount of \$93,000. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-1002)

Change Order No. 5 received from American Structurepoint for Advanced Clearing in the amount of \$39,033.82 for asbestos removal and the removal of a retaining wall. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-1003)

Correspondence received from 1st District Councilman Mark Kalwinski requesting \$6,250 of gaming funds be allocated for the collection and evaluation of pavement borings and pavement design for the 2018 Community Crossing Project on Hohman Avenue from Huehn Street north to 100 feet north of 141st Street. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-1004)

Agreement with ATC Group Services for environmental testing on Hohman Avenue between Huehn Street and 141st Street at a cost of \$6,250. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-1005)

Application for Excess Loss Reinsurance with American National Life Insurance Company of Texas. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-1006)

Hearing on property located at 1723 Summer Street. Property owner and property owner's attorney fail to appear. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, requested this matter be heard at the end of the meeting to allow time for the property owner and attorney to appear.

Hearing on property located at 226 – 28 Carroll Street. Property owner, Mr. Juan Reyes, appears. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Code Enforcement, appears for the City. Mr. Farrell said the property owner is cooperating in the removal of one (1) of the three (3) units and requested the Board affirm the Findings. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-1007)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4406 Pine Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Israel Cruz, appears. Mr. Farrell said Mr. Cruz is cooperating and will remove the first floor front unit and return to a single family home. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-1008)

Mr. Dostatni recognized Councilwoman at Large, Ms. Janet Venecz, in the audience.

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 1524 Summer Street. Ms. Kantar said the property had been on the demo list. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-1009)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, recommending installation of “No Parking” and “Resident Parking Only” signs on the 4800 block of Walnut Avenue and the 1500 block of Hoffman Street. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-1010)

Correspondence received from Mr. Mike Vanes, Maintenance Supervisor, requesting permission to dispose of light bulbs containing mercury which have been replaced with LED bulbs at Everlights Lamp. Ms. Kantar said a paper trail needs to be maintained due to environmental concerns. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-1011)

Sales Contract with Fire Service, Inc. for a 2017 E-ONE Metro 100 Quint Demonstrator Model at a cost of \$815,000. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-1012)

Bond received from Verizon Communications, Inc. by its subsidiary, MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp, replacing the bond received from Wide Open West due to change in ownership. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-1013)

Correspondence received from the Crawford Broadcasting Company requesting a “No Parking” sign to be placed in front of the business at 6336 Calumet Avenue due to people parking in the right lane of traffic. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to Public Works and also to the Indiana Department of Transportation as Calumet Avenue is a State road; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-1014)

Correspondence received from Hammond Common Council President, Ms. Janet Venecz, requesting Corporation Counsel review a letter from Councilman Torres as to the legality of a request for tree removal. Motion by Ms. Garay to refer this matter to the Engineering Department; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-1015)

Under Matters from Other Board Members, Mr. Dostatni received an Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 505 Highland Street – Final Amendment. Mr. Dostatni said the agreement will allow an additional ninety (90) days for completion of repairs. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-1016)

Under Old Business, correspondence received from Sergeant Tracy Laurinec recommending the placement of “No Parking 4pm – 6pm” signs in front of 6040 Hohman Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 17-1017)

Ms. Kantar requested the hearing on property located at 1723 Summer Street be heard as Mr. Andy Young, the member or manager of HRP LLC and Attorney Renee Babcoke appear.

Ms. Kantar said in 2011 an Order to Demolish was entered on this property, a bankruptcy action was instituted and the Order to Demolish expired during the pending bankruptcy and was

rescinded by the City. Ms. Kantar said a Notice to Repair or Demolish was sent to HRP LLC on October 13, 2017 setting a hearing for November 9, 2017, continued to today's date and the Inspector, Mr. Richard Castro, took photos of the building in March of 2017, November of 2017 and this morning of 1723 Summer Street which show a boarded up, vacant building, a pile of debris, boarded up windows, broken glass windows, failing roof and debris over the grounds. Ms. Kantar said the City of Hammond has adopted the Unsafe Building Act and the City has adopted it by ordinance. Ms. Kantar then questioned Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, who said 1723 is in impaired condition, a fire hazard, a public health danger, vacant and not in condition to allow habitation.

Attorney Babcoke then said there is a building, 1717 Summer Street, which would be partially demolished because is it directly tied to 1723 Summer Street and that the property owner of 1717 Summer Street did not receive notice of this hearing. Ms. Babcoke then said the building has been cleaned on a regular basis, the grass is cut along the roadway, the stairs on the outside of the building have been removed, weeds removed and put plastic over the glass block. Mr. Young said a stop work order was put on the building as someone contacted IDEM or the EPA due to a belief there was lead in some of the dumpster on the property. Mr. Young said he had three (3) environmental companies and neither IDEM or the EPA said there was any lead there. Mr. Young said that he did not have any paperwork with him regarding the environmental issues and has no intention of making any repair to the property.

Both Ms. Kantar and Ms. Babcoke said they had nothing further and waive closing remarks.

Motion by Ms. Garay to take this matter under advisement and issue a ruling within thirty (30) days; 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 11:57 a.m.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

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Lynn Laviolette, Secretary