

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2016

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2016, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Dostatni - absent; Ms. Garay - present; Mr. Margraf - present.

Due to the absence of Mr. Dostatni, normal rules of procedure are suspended.

Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to defer approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 31, 2015; Ms. Garay concurred.

The Board of Public Works & Safety acknowledged the appointment of Mr. Kevin Margraf to the Board effective January 1, 2016. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 16-01)

Change Order No. 7 for the Wolf Lake and Forsyth Trail Contract R-31408 submitted for approval. Mr. Mark Gordish, Project Manager for the Engineering Department, advised the change order is due to a change in the mix of concrete required by the State and there is no change in the dollar amount. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 16-02)

Request for advertising dates of January 8, 2016 and January 15, 2016 with a bid opening date of January 28, 2016 for the demolition of 241 173rd Street, 1510 173rd Street, 909 Bauer Street, 612 ½ Burton Court, 6009 – 11 Calumet Avenue, 6013 – 19 Calumet Avenue, 4614 Cameron Avenue, 5536 Claude Avenue, 2626 Cleveland Street (garage only), 6404 Columbia Avenue, 818 Eaton Street (garage only), 851 Gostlin Street (garage only), 4938 Hickory Avenue, 5948 Park Place, 932 Sibley Street, 1150 Summer Street, 816 Summer Street, 5972 White Oak Avenue and 836 Willow Court. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Res. No. 4027)

Correspondence received from Lieutenant Richard Hoyda requesting specialty pay for Sergeants Kelly Mickey and Anthony Ferrarini for completion of the State Certification as Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructors with the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 16-03)

Correspondence received from Hammond Department of Environmental Management requesting approval for termination of the license agreement for property located at Speedway Station #8335,6845 Calumet Avenue. Mr. Ron Novak, Director, Hammond Department of Environmental Management, appeared before and said the work at this location has been completed. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 15-04)

Correspondence received from Gary Gleason, Director of Public Works, advising residential parking signs are not warranted for the 800 block of Becker Street. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 16-05)

Notice of Violation regarding property located at 3935 Wabash Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Code Enforcement, appeared and said the owner has

complied and has removed the two (2) illegal bedrooms in the basement. Mr. Farrell then requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order regarding the property. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; seconded by Ms. Garay. (Ins. No. 16-06)

Notice of Violation regarding property located at 217 – 142nd Street. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell advised the property owner lives on the first floor and her daughter and grandchild live in the second floor apartment. Mr. Farrell requested a deed restriction be affirmed by the Board to affirm the second floor apartment cannot be used as a separate residential dwelling and the property is a single family residence. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 16-07)

Rental registration hearing regarding property located at 223 Williams Street. Property owner, Mr. Anthony Alexander, appears and said he lives in one (1) unit and a tenant rents the other. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections, said his records show this property is a three (3) unit, not a two (2) unit. Mr. Alexander said the basement is not finished and it has never been rented. Mr. Kearney requested the property be inspected prior to issuing a decision regarding rental registration. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to defer this matter to January 28, 2016 to allow time for an inspection to take place; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 16-08)

Rental registration hearing regarding property located at 7138 Parrish Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Michael Smith, appears and said he forgot to pay for 2015. Mr. Kearney said there is no record of payment of rental registration in 2014 either. Mr. Smith said he may not have paid for 2014 either. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 for 2014 and \$5 for 2015; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 16-09)

Amusement Device submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 16-10)

Acknowledgement of Disposal Authorizations. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 16-11)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 6812 Jackson (Amended) submitted for approval. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 16-12)

Correspondence received requesting \$743.10 of the 3rd District gaming money to be transferred to finalize the 2015 Side Walk Repair Program. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 16-13)

Under Matters from other Department Heads/Their Representatives, Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, said that Engineer, Mr. Bill Hutton, should appear at this hearing to discuss the metal panels that have fallen off of 5217 Hohman Avenue but as he has not appeared, she requested another engineer from the same firm who is in the audience speak about the same. The Engineer, Mr. Hutton, said that the panels need to be examined further. City Engineer, Mr. Dean Button, said that the metal panels have fallen before, need to be repaired and verified that they will not fall again. Ms. Kantar requested the Board affirm the Emergency Finding and Order to repair /secure the metal exterior panels. Recommendation by Mr. Margraf; Ms. Garay concurred. (Ins. No. 16-14)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Margraf to adjourn; Ms. Garay concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary