

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2016

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2016, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Dostatni - present; Ms. Garay - present; Mr. Margraf- present.

Motion by Ms. Garay to defer approval of the minutes of the February 4, 2016 meeting; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work at 5725 Kennedy Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-128)

Schedule of the demolition of the JCPenney building. Mr. Dostatni advised the schedule is for informational purposes and no action needs to be taken. Correspondence acknowledged. (Ins. No. 16-129)

Proposal received from Carras Szany Kuhn & Associates, PC for a feasibility study of 5231 Hohman Avenue. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-130)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the transfer of Officer Gabriel Gutierrez to the Traffic Section with receipt of AI Specialty Pay, the transfer of Office Kristopher Howard to the Patrol Section with relinquishment of AI Specialty Pay, approval of Festival of the Lakes street closures and Disposal Authorizations. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-131)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6330 Hohman Avenue. Property owner appears. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Chief of Inspections requested this property before a decision is made regarding payment of rental registration. Motion by Mr. Margraf to set this matter for status on March 17, 2016; seconded by Ms. Garay. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-132)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Ms. Garay to set these matters for hearing on April 14, 2016; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-133)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 932 Michigan Street. Mr. Dino Metropolis appears for a bank. Mr. Rich Castro, Inspector, Inspections Department, advised there is an illegal basement and 2nd floor apartment at this property. Mr. Metropolis said the bank has just sold the property, the new owners were supposed to be at this meeting and are fully aware that there are illegal units at the property which will need to be removed. Mr. Castro requested the Board sign the Findings & Order requiring the removal of the illegal units. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-134)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4137 Dearborn Avenue. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspection Department, advised that the owner has died and the tenant in the building had been paying the mortgage in hopes he would be able to purchase it. Mr. Farrell then said this is a two (2) unit property, no fire separation and work done to convert the property into a two (2) unit was not done with permits. Mr. Farrell requested the Board affirm the Findings & Order requiring the removal of the illegal unit. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-135)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4738 Johnson Avenue. Property owner appears. Mr. Farrell said there is a unit on the second floor and first floor front that will need to be removed and the property owner has begun work on removal. Mr. Farrell then said he will work with the property owner and, if necessary, request a status hearing. Motion by Ms. Garay to affirm the Findings & Order; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-136)

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 2110 Superior Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Farrell said the basement apartment has been removed by the property owner and requested the Board affirm the Findings & Order. Motion by Ms. Garay to affirm the Findings & Order; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-137)

Mr. Dostatni recognized Councilwoman Janet Venecz in the audience.

Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 5604 Walter Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Michael Coles, Inspector, Inspections Department said he was made aware of the illegal units due to the Fire Department responding to a call regarding a furnace fire. Mr. Coles said there is a bedroom in the attic and also a basement apartment which will need to be removed as both do not meet code. Mr. Coles then requested the Board affirm the Findings & Order. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-138)

Resolution of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Hammond, Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property Under Indiana Law. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-139)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, requesting approval of placing a "Residential Parking Only" sign at 3111 165th Street for a ninety (90) day trial period. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-140)

Service Agreement with Cender & Company, LLC. Ms. Garay advised this agreement is for financial. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-141)

Correspondence received from the Whiting Robertsedale Chamber of Commerce requesting approval of the annual Garage Mahal, Saturday, May 21, 2016. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-142)

Under Matters from Other Department Heads/Their Representatives, Corporation Counsel,

Ms. Kristina Kantar, requested the Board sign four (4) Orders to Demolish that were heard last week. Motion by Ms. Garay; seconded by Mr. Margraf. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 16-143)

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 9:26 a.m.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Stanley J. Dostatni, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary