

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JUNE 5, 2014

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works & Safety convened at 9:01 a.m., in Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Krusa – present; Mr. Dostatni – present; Mr. Smith – present.

Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve the minutes of the meetings of May 1, 2014 and May 8, 2014 seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith requested Attorney William Padula address the Board. Mr. Padula requested the Business License Revocation hearing for his client Gold Rush be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to July 17, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried.

Request for advertising dates of June 12, 2014 and June 19, 2014 with a bid opening date of July 3, 2014 for the 2nd District Local Street Lighting Improvement Project – Hanover Street, Linden Avenue, Magnolia Avenue and Beech Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 2846)

Correspondence received from AT&T requesting permission to perform work on the 3800 block of 179th Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-404)

Correspondence received from Comcast requesting permission to perform work on the south right of way of 118th Street and Calumet Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-405)

Notice of Assignment from Nextel to Sprint submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-406)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty requesting approval of the transfer of Sergeant T. Walczak to the Traffic Section and the reinstatement of Sergeant D. Connor. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-407)

Hearing on property located at 584 Sibley Street. Attorney Curtis Vosti appears for property owners. Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Inspections Department, appears for the City. Mr. Vosti stated that he has requested discovery which he has not received from the Inspections Department. Mr. Vosti then said the City has requested this property be a two (2) unit property, instead of the four (4) unit it currently is. Mr. Saliga stated the Board affirmed the Findings and Order on February 16, 2014 and those findings should stand. Mr. Vosti said Findings were affirmed in July of 2013, vacated on July 25, 2013 and reaffirmed on February 16, 2014 without a hearing. Mr. Smith said the property owners, Victor and Michelle Brown, failed to appear on that date. Mr. Vosti replied that

an order cannot be reaffirmed without a proper hearing. Motion by Mr. Smith to set this matter for hearing on July 17, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-408)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6811 Wicker Avenue. Property owner's niece appears and said this is the first year the single family property has been rented. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-409)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1108 Eaton Street and 1105 Moss Street. Property owner fails to appear. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess the late fee to be determined by the Building Department and rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-410)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 839 Becker Street. Ms. Angelica Moore appears for property owner, Mr. Don E. Moore. Ms. Moore stated Mr. Moore was five (5) days late in paying the fee and it would be an extreme hardship to pay the late fee. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-411)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4727 Cedar Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Jane Elias, appears and stated "time just got away" which is why the payment is late. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-412)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7140 Marshall Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Chevet Linton, appears and said she forgot the due date for registration. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-413)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6735 Wicker Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Marilyn Tolhuizen, appears and stated that she forgot the date rental registration was due. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-414)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1114 – 169th Street. Property owner, Mr. Rodolfo Rodriguez, fails to appear. The Board was advised the owner will pay the late fee and current rental registration. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess the late fee and rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-415)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7524 Woodmar Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Jorge Valdez, appears and said he thought rental registration was due by the end of April. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-416)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 137 Gostlin Street. Mr. Smith advised the property owner has requested a continuance. Motion by Mr. Smith to reset this matter for June 19, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-417)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3238 Kenwood Street. Property owner, Mr. Stamatios Frangos, appears and said he was five (5) days late making payment. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-418)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 255 and 257 Doty Street. Property owner, Ms. Georgia Karras, Ms. Karras said both properties are on one (1) lot and that she forgot the due date. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-419)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 7009 Lindberg Avenue and 7551 Howard Avenue. Ms. Kristina Kantar, Corporation Counsel advised Specific Findings were entered on May 22, 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this rental registration hearing; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-420)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 2629 – 164th Place. Mr. Smith advised the property owner has requested a continuance. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to July 10, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-421)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 5630 Claude Avenue. Property owner's husband, Mr. Ruben Vargas, appears and stated that his wife has left the country. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-422)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for hearing. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for July 24, 2014 and July 31, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-423)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 5502 Alice Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-424)

Findings and Order regarding property located at 6228 Garfield Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-425)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Director, Public Works, requesting approval the placement of "Resident Only Parking" signs on the 6900 block of Olcott Avenue for a ninety (90) day trial period. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-426)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs requesting 927 Bauer Street and 840 Becker Street be placed on the demolition list. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to

refer this matter to the Building Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-427)

Correspondence received from Ms. Sara Krause, 3248 – 170th Place, requesting permission to have a horse at a birthday party being held on June 30, 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-428)

Correspondence received from the Apostolic House of Prayer Church of God Ministries, Inc., 403 Highland Avenue, requesting permission to hold a car wash Saturday, June 7, 2014, Saturday, June 21, 2014 and Saturday, July 19, 2014 with Blaine Avenue and Highland Street being blocked to the alley. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-429)

Correspondence received from Mr. David Homola, requesting the restriction for no parking in the alley between Janet Place and Gibson Place be lifted for his son’s graduation party on June 14, 2014. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve subject to not blocking alleys for emergency vehicles; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-430)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-431)

Temporary Appointment for Mr. Mark McLaughlin to act as a Member of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting on June 12, 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-432)

Correspondence received from the Prince Hall of Masons requesting permission to hold a processional march on June 22, 2014 beginning at 2:45 p.m. and ending at approximately 3:00 p.m. for the “St. John’s Day Processional March”. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-433)

There being no further business to come before the Board, recommendation by Mr. Smith to adjourn; Mr. Dostatni concurred. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

APPROVED: July 3, 2014

By: _____
Edward Krusa, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary