

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
JUNE 19, 2014

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety convened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2014, in the Council Chambers of Hammond City Hall. A roll call was taken: Mr. Krusa - present; Mr. Dostatni - present; Mr. Smith – present.

Change Order No. 1 for the Wolf Lake and Forsyth Trail project and Change Order No. 14 for Columbia Avenue – Michigan Street to Chicago Street received from First Group Engineering, Inc. Mr. Dostatni advised the Wolf Lake Change Order is an increase in cost of \$3,088 and Columbia Avenue is an increase of \$10,382. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-475)

Request for bid dates of June 26, 2014 and July 3, 2014 with a bid opening date July 17, 2014 for the demolition of 922 Bauer Street, 7105 California Avenue, 5111 Calumet Avenue, 911 Carroll Street, 2841 Cleveland Street (garage only), 415 – 17 Conkey Street, 1530 Davis Avenue, 6228 Garfield Avenue, 936 – 38 Highland Street, 1241 Highland Street, 7629 Howard Avenue, 7019 Jackson Avenue, 6324 Kennedy Avenue, 7554 Magnolia Avenue, 1118 – 16 Mulberry Street, 6711 Northcote Avenue, 4931 Oak Avenue (front and rear), 3842 – 177th Street, 6122 Ray Avenue, 28 – 34 Ruth Street (multi-unit), 1427 Sherman Street (garage only) and 7441 Van Buren Avenue. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Res. No. 4015)

Correspondence received from WOW! requesting permission to install underground fiber optic cable on 149th Street to White Oak Avenue. Mr. Dostatni said he has reviewed the plans. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-476)

Correspondence received from Chief of Police John Doughty approving block party requests for the 5400 block of Chestnut Avenue and 800 through 1100 block of Field Street. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-477)

Business License Revocation hearing for Lake Iron and Metal. Corporation Counsel, Ms. Kristina Kantar, advised the owner has signed up for Leads on line. Detective Mark Detterline stated Lake Iron and Metal is not complying as they are not taking pictures of what is being listed in Leads on Line. Detective Detterline stated that he will contact the business regarding the same. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approval the business license subject to all requirements being followed; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-478)

Business License Revocation hearing for Gold Rush. Ms. Kantar advised Attorney William Padula represents the business owner and has requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to July 3, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-479)

Business License Revocation hearing for Scrap International, Inc. Detective Detterline advised this business in complying and requested this matter be dismissed. Motion by Mr. Dostatni

to dismiss; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-480)

Business License Revocation hearing for P&H Iron & Supply, Inc. Attorney Johnathan Terpstra advised this business will not buy any scrap from this point forward. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this action; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-481)

Correspondence received from Mr. Jerome Head for DevGroup Auto Inc. requesting a hearing regarding the denial of a business license. Motion by Mr. Smith to set this matter for July 17, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-482)

Hearing on property located at 1916 Calumet Avenue, 40 Warren Street, 4927 Towle Avenue, 222 Hanover Street, 951 Sibley Street, 4922 Cedar Avenue and 4930 Cedar Avenue. Attorney Gary Matthews appears for property owners. Mr. Matthews advised that Mr. Kurt Koch, Commissioner, Building Department, has requested and received floor plans and will do an inspection, the property located at 40 Warren Street has been inspected by Mr. Koch and he needs to meet with Mr. Koch. Mr. Matthews then said an agreement to return property located at 4927 Towle Avenue is being prepared. Mr. Matthews then requested a continuance on property located at 222 Hanover Street, 4922 Cedar Avenue and 4930 Cedar Avenue and advised he presented a signed Agreed Order on item "JJ" in the agenda, 951 Sibley Street. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue all matters, with the exception of 951 Sibley Street to July 24, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-484)

Hearing on property located at 7144 Grand Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Ms. Gloria Mabry, Inspector, Inspections Department, requested this matter be continued. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to July 24, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-485)

Hearing on property located 1010 Hoffman Street. Attorney Curtis Vosti appears for the property owner and stated he received a fax from Mr. Matt Saliga, Inspector, Inspections Department, stating this matter would be dismissed. Motion by Mr. Smith to dismiss this matter; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-486)

Mr. Vosti then stated Mr. Saliga had stated the Inspections Department reserves the right to bring an action against this property again. Mr. Vosti objected this he said this is the fourth time this address has been cited.

Hearing on property located at 4828 Oak Avenue. Attorney Justin Murphy appears for the property owner. Mr. Murphy stated this property has been inspected, an agreement has been reached but not yet put in writing and requested this matter be continued to allow time prepare the necessary documents. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to July 24, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-487)

Notice of Violation for property located at 7132 Jarnecke Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Jesse Escamilla, Inspector, Inspections Department, stated the owner will remove the two (2) basement bedrooms and requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-488)

Notice of Violation for property located at 6127 Columbia Avenue. Property owner fails to appear. Mr. Nick Farrell, Inspector, Inspections Department, advised that the owner is cooperating and have hired a licensed contractor to make the repairs. Mr. Farrell requested the Board affirm the Findings and Order. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-489)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 2408 Birch Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-490)

Agreement to Rehabilitate Property Located at 4006 Towle Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-491)

Orders to Rescind Order to Demolish Property Located at 6257 Hohman Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-492)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1635 Roberts Avenue, 1637 Roberts Avenue and 4839 Pine Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Joe Blanford, appears. Ms. Kantar stated there have been numerous police calls to these addresses. Mr. Blanford responded that he has evicted three (3) people in March of this year and his daughter now lives at one (1) of the addresses. Mr. Kelly Kearney, Commissioner, Inspections Department, requested time to inspect 1635 Roberts Avenue and 1637 Roberts Avenue prior to a decision on rental registration on those addresses. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit for property located at 4839 Pine Avenue; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-493)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6632 Arizona Avenue (rear house) and 6625 Alabama Avenue (front and rear house), 6922 Arizona Avenue (both houses) and 2901 Gibson Street (both houses). Property owner, Ms. Tina Sincan, appears and stated she thought the deadline for rental registration payment was May 15th. Ms. Kantar stated Ms. Sincan has had an appeal previously and the late fee was waived. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess one (1) \$500 late fee and rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-494)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4916 Elm Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Luis Guzman, appears and stated his mother lives at this address. Ms. Kantar advised there are numerous police calls to this address. Mr. Guzman stated he was not aware of any police calls to this address. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess three (3) \$500 late fees and rental registration at \$80 per unit for 2012, 2013 and 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-495)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6412 Madison Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Pam Slaven, appears and stated she inherited this property which she rented in August of 2013. 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. 14-496)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3328 – 163rd Street. Property owner, Mr. Ryan Lesak, appears. Mr. Lesak then stated he owns fourteen (14) other properties in Hammond, all of which had rental registration paid timely and this property was rented in August of 2013. 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. 14-497)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 819 Conkey Street. Property owner, Ms. Carmen Lampton, appears and stated her sister has been living and paying rent, whereas last year she paid no rent. 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. 14-498)

Mr. Dostatni left the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4249 Sheffield Avenue and 4225 Wabash Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Martin Fajardo, appears and stated he has had to file bankruptcy and has other financial difficulties. Mr. Farrell stated that there have been numerous police calls to this property. Mr. Fajardo replied he has evicted the tenants responsible for the police calls. Ms. Kantar advised rental registration has been paid timely with the exception of this year. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 per unit; Mr. Krusa concurred. (Ins. No. 14-499)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4728 Henry Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Nelson Rosario, appears stated there are two (2) units at this property. Mr. Rosario then said he lives in one (1) unit and his brother in law lives in the other. Recommendation by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80; Mr. Krusa concurred. (Ins. No. 14-500)

Mr. Dostatni returned to the meeting at 9:54 a.m. Normal rules of procedure are reinstated.

Rental registration hearing on property located at 4416 Hickory Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Daisy Zambrano, appears and said she had come to pay rental registration on April 30, 2014 but was told she was 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. 14-501)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1135 Morris Street and 641 Sibley Street. Property owner, Mr. James Konopasek, appears and stated this is the first time he has been late in paying and that it will not happen again. 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. 14-502)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1526 Roberts Avenue. Property owner, Ms. Josefina Garcia, appears, said she had come to pay on April 20, 2014 and was told she was late. Ms. Kantar advised this property has had the late fee waived in 2010 and 2011 but paid timely since. 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. 14-503)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 6412 Rhode Island Avenue and 6608

Colorado Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Mike Mazur, appears and said he thought there was a moratorium on rental registration payments which is why it was not paid. Ms. Kantar advised rental registration was paid timely up to 2014. 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. 14-504)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 1009 Lyons Street. Property owner's sister appears and said her sister lives in Texas and was unaware there is a rental registration 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. 14-505)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 3630 – 171st Street and 6550 Nevada Avenue. Property owner, Mr. Zaheer Uddin, appears and stated that he was out of the country and ill at the time rental registration was due and did not return until May of this year. Ms. Kantar advised Mr. Uddin received a waiver of the late fee last year. Motion by Mr. Smith to assess one (1) \$500 late fee and rental registration at \$80 per unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-506)

Rental registration hearing on property located at 137 Gostlin Street. Property owner, Ms. Mildred Slazyk, appeared, stated she came seven (7) days late to pay and was told she was required to appear for a hearing. Ms. Slazyk then said this is a two (2) unit, one which is rented, the other she lives in. Motion by Mr. Smith to waive the late fee and assess rental registration at \$80 for one (1) unit; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-507)

Correspondence received requesting rental registration hearings. Motion by Mr. Smith to set these matters for hearings on July 31, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-5085)

Correspondence received from Attorney Gary Matthews requesting a Notice of Violation hearing on property located at 4825 Oak Avenue be rescheduled. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to July 24, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-509)

Correspondence received from Ms. Blanca Padilla requesting at rental registration hearing for property located at 838 Wilcox Street set for July 17, 2014 be rescheduled to August 14, 2014. Motion by Mr. Smith to continue this matter to August 14, 2014; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-510)

Correspondence received from Mr. Gary Gleason, Public Works Director, requesting an increase in the Public Works petty cash fund and advising of the placement of two (2) stop signs at the intersection of Michigan Street and Tell Avenue. Motion by Mr. Smith to approve the placement of the stop signs and to advise Mr. Gleason the petty cash matter will need to be brought before City Council; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-511)

Correspondence received from Norfolk Southern Railroad requesting permission to rebuild the 173rd Street crossing beginning June 26, 2014. Mr. Dostatni advised Parrish Avenue must be

open to traffic before 173rd Street is closed for repair. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to approve subject to Parrish Avenue being open to traffic; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-512)

Correspondence received from Ms. Andrea Castor requesting permission to hold a block party, with street closure, on the 900 block of Kane Street, July 4, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Smith to refer this matter to the Hammond Police Department; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-513)

Correspondence received requesting stop signs be place between the 1600 and 1700 blocks of 170th Street. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Street Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-514)

Correspondence received requesting crosswalks and speed limit signs be placed around Scott Middle School. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Street Department; seconded by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Street Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-515)

Correspondence received from 3rd District Councilman Anthony W. Higgs requesting two (2) large holes on the 1200 block of Highland Street be repaired. Motion by Mr. Dostatni to refer this matter to the Street Department; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-516)

Garage Sale Permits submitted for approval. Motion by Mr. Smith; seconded by Mr. Dostatni. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-517)

Under Meeting Opened to the Public, Ms. Kantar presented a Specific Finding of Fact and Decision on property located at 7009 Lindberg Avenue and 7551 Howard Street for the Board's approval. Motion by Mr. Dostatni; seconded by Mr. Smith. AYES ALL. Motion carried. (Ins. No. 14-518)

There being no further business to come before the Board, Motion by Mr. Krusa to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Smith. The regularly scheduled meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

APPROVED: August 14, 2014

BY: _____
Edward Krusa, President

ATTEST:

Lynn Laviolette, Secretary

