

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

Val Gomez, President
William Allen, Vice-President
Winna Guzman, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.

Reporter by Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.
By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Staff Present: Richard Morrisroe
Joseph Allegretti

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: William Allen, Val Gomez, and
Winna Guzman

Motion to approve minutes of the regular meeting,
January 23, 2019 made by William Allen. Second by Winna
Guzman.

Comments/Questions: None

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None Motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

MR. GOMEZ: First item, bid opening for
lighting on Columbus Drive sculpture roundabout.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: So we solicited through
Mr. Reed a proposal for roundabout lighting for Columbus
Drive roundabout, and I think we got one back, one
envelope, I think from Midwestern.

MR. ALLEN: So we have one from
Midwestern Electric. Total cost is \$40,402.80. And
again, this is from Midwestern Electric Inc., and they
are located 1620 East Chicago Avenue.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: I think Mr. Reed wants
to review that proposal, and if you would table the

1 make a recommendation for authorization and award for
2 that.

3 MR. GOMEZ: We'll table this and have a
4 recommendation at the end of the meeting.

5 Next item on the agenda, bid opening
6 for Aldis Pedestrian Walkway Fiber Relocation.

7 MR. ALLEN: First bid, Electric Conduit
8 Construction, located at 601 East North Street, Elburn,
9 Illinois. Total cost of \$29,515.15. Next is Hernandez
10 Electrical, and they are located 938 West Avenue H
11 Griffith, Indiana. Total cost \$21,475.53. Next is
12 Midwestern Electric located at 1620 Chicago Avenue, East
13 Chicago. Total cost \$45,599.00.

14 MR. GOMEZ: That's quite a bit higher.

15 MR. ALLEN: Next one is Pirtano
16 Construction 1766 Armitage Court, Addison, Illinois.
17 Total cost \$26,335.81. And the last one is from Western
18 Utility LLC. Total cost \$32,232.75, and that concludes
19 the bids.

20 MR. KLOCEK: Mr. President, Kevin Klocek,
21 City of East Chicago. I would like to plan to follow
22 suit with the previous opening and have you table the
23 recommendation, based on our review. Possibly at the
24 end of this meeting, if not, the next meeting, we will
25 have a recommendation.

MR. GOMEZ: Next item is Smart Bill from
MultiMedia. The monthly newsletter issues, which comes
to total for the year of \$7,184.16.

MR. SEGURA: Steve Segura, MultiMedia.
This is basically the water bill inserts and it's just
for printing costs and insertion.

MR. GOMEZ: Similar to what we had last
year?

MR. SEGURA: Yes, exact same thing.

Motion to approve proposal for Smart Bill with
MultiMedia for the monthly newsletter in an amount of
\$7,184.16 made by William Allen. Second by Winna
Guzman.

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1 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None Motion carries.

2 MR. GOMEZ: Next we also have MultiMedia
3 from the Times Media Company, proposal for advertising
package.

4 MR. SEGURA: This is basically a piece of
5 "Grass is Greener". Most municipalities participate in
6 this and they offer -- I want to say -- three full page
7 spreads, along with six additional components, which are
8 still to be determined. So there is digital advertising
for all our events. We're looking at promoting the Home
Ownership Program and we're going to feature a lot of
other things about the City of East Chicago.

9 MR. GOMEZ: This would be throughout the
10 year?

11 MR. SEGURA: I believe it's for -- I want
12 to say it's 3 to 4 months for the printed piece, and the
13 other stuff can go on a little longer, depending on what
14 we select. The banners over the Times website, over the
top, and stuff like that. So we have a choice of
picking that or Facebook promotions, or any number of
six different items that they have.

15 Motion to approve the Times Media Company proposal for
16 their advertising package in the amount of \$10,000 made
by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

17 Comments/Questions: None

18 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None Motion carries.

19 MR. GOMEZ: Next is proposal for Mad
20 Bomber.

21 MS. ADAMS: Natalie Adams, East Chicago
Marina. This is for the fireworks on July 3rd.

22 MR. GOMEZ: The amount of \$35,000. The
23 event is on July 3rd. Any questions or comments?

24 MS. GUZMAN: I think this was just
25 skipped over, but it says late fees if payments are not
made in a timely manner.

1 thought I already did, but maybe they didn't scan the
2 right one for you. We don't pay late fees. We'll
3 strike it out and I can initial it. We use it every
4 year.

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6 Motion to approve proposal for Mad Bomber for our
7 Independence Day fireworks event in the amount of
8 \$35,000 made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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10 Comments/Questions: None

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12 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
13 Opposed: None Motion carries.

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15 MR. GOMEZ: Next, Chief Serna, request to
16 declare surplus at Fire Department.

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18 CHIEF SERNA: Yes. We'd like to declare
19 some items surplus so that we may remove them from our
20 inventory. Speed scene dryer tumbler purchased some
21 years ago. We now go with drying our bunker gear in a
22 vertical dryer. The record should specify there is no
23 value and can be disposed of as scrape.

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25 Motion to approve request of the Fire Department to
remove speed scene dryer tumbler being of no value and
to be scraped made by William Allen. Second by Winna
Guzman.

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27 Comments/Questions: None

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29 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
30 Opposed: None Motion carries.

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32 MR. GOMEZ: Next, Fire Department,
33 Renewal of supervising hospital agreement.

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35 CHIEF SERNA: Yes. It's a two-year
36 agreement signed in 2017 when the Community Health Care
37 Network joined with St. Mary's Hospital, in Hobart, as
38 our supervising hospital.

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40 As you may or may not know, any new
41 firefighter hired after 2014 must become an EMT within
42 their first year of service. In order for us to
43 maintain our EMT status, and also basic life support
44 non-transport compliant, we have to have a supervising
45 agreement with the hospital. St. Mary's was our initial
46 hospital to be our supervisor and we'd like to continue
47 that agreement

1 Motion to renew agreement of supervising hospital, St.
Mary's Medical Center and East Chicago Fire
2 Department, made by William Allen. Second by Winna
Guzman.

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4 Comments/Questions: None

5 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
6 Opposed: None Motion carries.

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8 MR. GOMEZ: Next, Johnson Control. Board
of Public Works.

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10 MR. SELVIE: Keith Selvie, Director of
Public Works. What you have in front of you right now
is a proposal for Johnson Controls to actually repair
the dampers over at Public Safety. This is the initial
Stage 1 of the actual repair. They have actually
11 identified 49 of them that actually are in need of
repair. So we are going to go ahead and move forward
with those. There are several others that don't have
access, that they will actually be providing access
12 panels for, and at which point in time they will do
those repairs as well. The cost if \$21,030.00.

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14 MR. GOMEZ: These are all original
dampers?

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16 MR. SELVIE: Yes, original to the
building.

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18 MS. GUZMAN: Attorney Allegretti, the
terms and conditions, were you able to look at that, for
the legal fees?

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20 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I have not and I don't
think Richard has either. Is there something on there
that's catching your eye?

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22 MS. GUZMAN: Just that the company shall
be entitled to recover from the customer reasonable
legal fees occurring in connection with company
enforcing terms and conditions of this agreement. I
23 don't know if that's continuous. I don't know if you
want to pass it, subject to review.

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25 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Well, Johnson Controls
is an enormous company that loads up their contracts
with self serving boiler plate legalese, and some of it

1 might need to review some of those provisions that might
violate our policy on those matters. So if you do that,
2 Richard and I will review that document

3 MR. GOMEZ: Okay, fine.

4 Motion to approve Johnson Controls proposal for Public
Safety for damper repair, subject to review from Law
5 Department, in the amount of \$21,035 made by William
Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

6 Comments/Questions: None

7 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
8 Opposed: None Motion carries.

9 MR. GOMEZ: Next, we also have Public
Works. Midwestern Electric proposal to replace the
10 lighting in the judge's office in the East Chicago
police station.

11 MR. SELVIE: Correct. This is a proposal
12 to replace approximately 168 lights within the judge's
chambers, as well as the courts over at the Public
13 Safety Building. We are recommending that Midwestern do
the work. We received two bids. The Midwestern bid is
14 a little bit higher, but we would like it to go to them.
It has a little bit to do with the logistics, as well as
15 timing. We want to try and get it done as quickly as
possible. The other bid wouldn't be able to get it done
16 quickly enough. I think the difference is a hundred
dollars.

17 Motion to approve proposal of Midwestern Electric for
18 the public lighting project made by William Allen.
Second by Winna Guzman.

19 Comments/Questions: None

20 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
21 Opposed: None Motion carries.

22 MR. SELVIE: For the record, last time I
23 appeared before you at this Board meeting, you did
approve Johnson Control for the monitoring of the fire
24 alarms for the fire panel. And I know we had attached
it to confirm if it was going to be one year or five
25 year agreement. We've decided on the five year
agreement, so I want to make that known for the record.

1 MS. GUZMAN: Thank you for confirming
2 that.

3 MR. ALLEN: We've already approved that
4 contingent on confirming that the agreement is five
5 years

6 MR. GOMEZ: I guess we can make a new
7 motion confirming our approval of last meeting's motion
8 that we approved to confirm that agreement with Johnson
9 Controls for five years.

10 MR. SELVIE: And the annual cost is \$720
11 per year.

12 Motion to approve confirmation that the agreement with
13 Johnson Controls is for five years made by William
14 Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

15 Comments/Questions: None

16 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
17 Opposed: None Motion carries.

18 MR. GOMEZ: We'll move on to outstanding
19 invoices. Mechanical Concepts, we have six invoices
20 dating from October and November 2018, which total
21 \$4,736.50.

22 MR. SELVIE: Yes. Mr. President, these
23 actual jobs were completed by Mechanical Concepts. The
24 invoices were sent directly to the Park Department.
25 They held onto them, and we finally got ahold of them,
and we would ask that we be able to pay them.

Motion to approve payment of past due invoices to
Mechanical Concepts in the amount of \$4,736.50 made by
William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

Comments/Questions: None

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None Motion carries.

MR. GOMEZ: Next, Hernandez Electrical
Construction, also for Public Works, three invoices from
2018, totaling \$5,754.80.

MR. SELVIE: Yes. Mr. President, these

1 Unfortunately it was submitted late and at this point in
time I would ask that we be allowed to pay them.

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3 Motion to approve payment to Hernandez Construction in
the amount of \$5,754.80 made by William Allen. Second
by Winna Guzman.

4 Comments/Questions: None

5 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
6 Opposed: None Motion carries.

7 MR. GOMEZ: Next, we have Illiana
8 Transfer, also Public Works. We have an invoice dated
8/31/18, in the amount of \$32,314.22.

9 MR. SELVIE: Mr. President, this was
10 actually missed be our actual department. We ask that
it be paid. They did provide the service and allow us
to dispose of our garbage.

11 Motion to approve past due invoice to Illiana Transfer
12 in the amount of \$32,314.22 made by William Allen.
Second by Winna Guzman.

13 Comments/Questions: None

14 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
15 Opposed: None Motion carries.

16 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have invoice from
17 Sirchie, Police Department.

18 LIEUTENANT COSSEY: Lieutenant Cossey,
Police Department, invoice from November 11th, in the
19 amount of \$749.46. It was not submitted on time, but we
submitted this year. Services were provided. We use it
20 for crime scene investigations and narcotics field
testing kits.

21 Motion to approve late invoice from Sirchie with the
Police Department, in the amount of \$749.46 made by
22 William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

23 Comments/Questions: None

24 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
25 Opposed: None Motion carries.

1 invoices from Mechanical Concepts with the Park
2 Department, totaling \$5,265.10 and they are all from
3 October of 2018. Our Parks director came to see me
4 earlier and she informed me she wouldn't be able to
5 attend, but she explained that the services were
6 provided.

7 The mix up, the way she explained
8 it, Public Works was processing their heating bills, but
9 these heating bills came from the greenhouse and Public
10 works said those had to be covered out of her budget.
11 By the time it went back and forth, and it was all
12 settled on who would pay for this, that's when it became
13 late and that's the invoices.

14 Motion to approve Mechanical Concepts past due invoices
15 to Park Department, in the amount of \$5,265.10 made by
16 William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

17 Comments/Questions: None

18 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
19 Opposed: None Motion carries.

20 MR. GOMEZ: Next, we have late invoice
21 from Lake County Economic Alliance. One invoice in the
22 amount of \$5,000. And this came from the Controller's
23 office. This is part of a three-year agreement with the
24 County. The Mayor's office believed it was had been
25 taken care of in previous payments. The agreement began
in 2015 and this is carried over for 2019. This was
just an oversight. The invoice is just recently found,
that's when we discovered the oversight.

Motion to approve payment of \$5000 invoice to Lake
County Economic Alliance made by William Allen. Second
by Winna Guzman.

Comments/Questions: None

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None Motion carries.

MR. GOMEZ: Compliance report from
Planning. One for Grand Boulevard resurfacing project
and one for 149th Street reconstruction. Anybody here?
(No response) These compliance reports, the information
we have in our packets, and we enter that into the
record.

Bid award for new locker rooms and

1 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Doug Cunningham,
2 consultant with the City. We'd like to table this to
the next meeting.

3 MR. GOMEZ: So, for the record, we will
4 table this for our next meeting, March 13th meeting.
Thank you.

5 Next, Nipsco Pole Relocation for
Fitzsimons.

6 MR. REED: We would recommend -- this is
7 safety cost with Nipsco that was not realized until
8 Nipsco actually was on-site for observation of some
9 other work that they were doing. They have high tension
wires in the alley and the brick masons cannot complete
the project because the scaffolding will encroach upon a
ten-foot statutory safety limit where the high tension
wires are. Nipsco is going to have to reroute the power
lines and that's going to be a cost. This is their
direct cost.

11 And it's our recommendation that we
12 process this as a unforeseen circumstance change order
for the project for Fitzsimons. The amount is
\$34,199.00.

13 Motion to approve change order for the Fitzsimons
14 project by Nipsco in the amount of \$34,199 made by
William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

15 Comments/Questions: None

16 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
17 Opposed: None Motion carries.

18 MR. GOMEZ: Next, Heavy Industry, Change
19 order #1 for Columbus Drive roundabout sculpture in the
amount of \$12,800.00.

20 MR. REED: The City's request for
21 additional paint colors in the sculpture. As you might
22 know, if you were painting something one color it's
quite a different process from the labor involved versus
23 painting it 3, 4 different colors. Just like if you
were to order a T-shirt. The more colors, the more the
24 process. We believe this cost is reasonable for the
additional mask of these 50 and 60-foot sculptures. We
would recommend that you approve this change order.

25 Motion to approve Change order #1 for Columbus Drive

1 William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

2 Comments/Questions: None

3 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
4 Opposed: None Motion carries.

5 MR. GOMEZ: Next, Hitchcock, Change order
6 #2, Columbus Drive roundabout sculpture in the amount of
7 \$4,200.60.

8 MR. REED: This is to add lightening
9 protection conduit into the base of the concrete
10 foundation, which at a later time we can run the copper
11 for the lightening protection. This was just the
12 additional conduit needed and specked out for the future
13 upcoming lightening protection.

14 MR. GOMEZ: This will be accomplished by
15 Hasse Construction?

16 MR. REED: Yes.

17 Motion to approve Change order #2 for Columbus Drive
18 roundabout by Hitchcock for lightening protection, in
19 the amount of \$4,200.60 made by William Allen. Second
20 by Winna Guzman.

21 Comments/Questions: None

22 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
23 Opposed: None Motion carries.

24 MR. GOMEZ: Next, we have the ISM
25 Agreement from the Law Department.

MR. MORRISROE: Richard Morrisroe,
Assistant City Attorney. You may recall this was tabled
the last time. We negotiated with Derrick Gessler, of
ISM. We added the Bessie Owen's Center, which the
Controller's office wanted.

And if you look to number 5, we took
out the percentage and a half. We got them to agree to
that. When it came to two other items, it was
determined simply that we'll not give keys -- this is at
7-c -- to avoid their clever way of trying to limit
their liability to the replacement of the keys, rather
than loss of who knows what, if they open a door and get
in and destroy some property of the City. That's 7-c.

1 their liability for using City vehicles. It seemed
2 better just that the City police not allow them to use
3 City vehicles and we'll avoid the problem.

4 Those are the changes that were
5 made, and sorry that it took us till this afternoon to
6 get those approved to you, but that's what we were
7 waiting for.

8 Motion to approve ISM Agreement made by William Allen.
9 Second by Winna Guzman.

10 Comments/Questions: None

11 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
12 Opposed: None Motion carries.

13 MR. GOMEZ: We have Resolution 2019-06,
14 Transfer Vehicles for Sanitary District.
15 (Resolution to be attached to minutes.)

16 Motion to approve Resolution 2019-06 made by William
17 Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

18 Comments/Questions: None

19 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
20 Opposed: None Motion carries.

21 MR. GOMEZ: Next, Walsh Avenue
22 Reconstruction project.

23 MR. ALLEN: The proposal in front of you
24 is for CE or oversight services for the Walsh Avenue
25 Reconstruction project. This is from First Group to
perform oversight services for reconstruction, which
means all utilities, sidewalks, landscape will be
replaced.

26 Motion to approve proposal from First Group for CE
27 services for the Walsh Avenue reconstruction in amount
28 of \$175,700 made by William Allen. Second by Winna
29 Guzman.

30 Comments/Questions: None

31 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
32 Opposed: None Motion carries.

33 MR. GOMEZ: Next, we have Homerlee Avenue

1 MR. ALLEN: So this is similar to the
2 last. This is for Nies Engineering to perform CE
3 services for reconstruction job on Homerlee from 145th
4 to Columbus Drive, in the amount of \$104,141.00.

5 Motion to approve Nies Engineering proposal for CE
6 services for the Homerlee Avenue reconstruction project,
7 145th Street to Columbus Drive, in the amount of
8 \$104,141.00 made by William Allen. Second by Winna
9 Guzman.

10 Comments/Questions: None

11 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
12 Opposed: None Motion carries.

13 MR. GOMEZ: Next is right-of-way permit
14 applications, 19-13104 to 19-13108.

15 Motion to approve Right-of-Way permit applications
16 19-13104 to 19-13108 made by William Allen. Second by
17 Winna Guzman.

18 Comments/Questions: None

19 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
20 Opposed: None Motion carries.

21 OLD BUSINESS: None

22 OTHER BUSINESS:

23 MR. REED: We have reviewed the bids for
24 lighting on Columbus Drive sculpture roundabout. We
25 would recommend the bid go to Midwestern Electric, in
the amount of \$40,280.

Motion to approve bid of Midwestern Electric, in amount
of \$40,280 for Columbus Drive sculpture roundabout made
by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

Comments/Questions: None

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None Motion carries.

MR. GOMEZ: Coming back to bid opening
for Aldis Pedestrian Walkway.

MR. KLOCEK: Having reviewed all

1 that this project be awarded to Hernandez Electric, for
the amount of \$21,475.53.

2 Motion to approve award of bid to Hernandez Electric for
3 the Aldis pedestrian walkway, in the amount of
\$21.475.53 made by William Allen. Second by Winna
4 Guzman.

5 Comments/Questions: None

6 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None Motion carries.

7 MR. GOMEZ: Next regular meeting,
8 Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. This concludes
our business.

9 Motion to adjourn meeting made by William Allen. Second
10 by Winna Guzman.

11 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None Motion carries.

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13 *** Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m. ***

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Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of
February 27, 2019
Approved and Signed February 27, 2019

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Val Gomez, President

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William Allen, Vice President

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Winna Guzman

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Peggy S. LaLonde, a competent and duly qualified court reporter, do hereby certify that I did report in machine shorthand the foregoing proceedings and that my shorthand notes so taken at said time and place were thereafter reduced to typewriting under my personal direction.

I further certify that the foregoing typewritten transcript constitutes minutes of the said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Munster, Indiana, this 4th day of March, 2019.

Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR

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