

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, April 8, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.

Reported by Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.

By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Staff Present: Richard Morrisroe
Carla Morgan

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

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

MR. GOMEZ: First we have approval of
minutes of the regular meetings of March 11th and March
25th, 2020.

Motion to approve minutes of meetings of March 11th and
March 25th, 2020, as written, made by William Allen.
Second by Winna Guzman.

Questions/Comments: None

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

We have no correspondence so we'll
move on to New Business. Bid Opening for Pedestrian
Bridge Utility Relocation, Engineering.

MR. ALLEN: First bid is from Grimmer
Construction, Inc., located at 2619 Main Street,
Highland, Indiana. The total price is \$1,673,094.00.

Next we have from LGS Plumbing,
Inc., located at 1112 East Summit Street, Crown Point,
Indiana. Total amount is \$850,808.20.

And then from Hasse Construction, 10

1 Lincoln Avenue, P.O. Box 300, Calumet City, Illinois.
Total amount of \$1,257,000.00.

2 That's all the bids that we have, so
3 we'll take these and send them to the group who's
4 handling the PE services for us, and we'll come back
5 with a recommendation.

6 MR. GOMEZ: At the next meeting?

7 MR. ALLEN: Yes.

8 MR. GOMEZ: Okay, we'll move on with new
9 business, that concludes our bid opening. The practice
10 from our last meeting, we no longer are requiring people
11 to come to the meeting. We will just read a statement
12 that they have provided for each item.

13 First item is from Public Works,
14 Federal Protection. This is for Block Stadium, located
15 at 144th Avenue and Parrish. The explanation is Federal
16 Protection's contract for Block Stadium, security
17 provision, expires 4/20/20. The new contract terms will
18 be through 4/23/20 to 10/18/20 for the same price as the
19 original contract. The total security amount is
20 \$49,170.72. Are there any questions or comments on this
21 item? (None)

22 I'll entertain a motion to approve
23 Public Works request for extension of Federal Protection
24 Agency contract for Block Stadium, in the amount of
25 \$49,170.72.

Motion to approve Federal Protection Agency contract
made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next one is Public Works, Amereco
rate table, to provide disinfection and sampling within
various city buildings in response to COVID-19 Pandemic.
Any questions or comments on this proposal? (None)
I'll entertain a motion to approve.

Motion to approve Amereco's proposal for emergency
response during the Pandemic situation for Public Works
made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman

1 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

2 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
3 Opposed: None

4 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

5 Next comes from Public Works,
6 Precision Painting. Recommendation to provide painting
7 within the holding cells at ECPD. This is the only
8 quote we received. Total cost for project \$26,052.00.
9 Any questions or comments on this proposal? (None)
10 I'll entertain a motion.

11 Motion to approve Precision Painting proposal for ECPD,
12 in the amount of \$26,052.00 made by William Allen.
13 Second by Winna Guzman.

14 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

15 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
16 Opposed: None

17 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

18 Next we have Cummings Landscape,
19 Public Works also. This is the recommendation for City
20 of East Chicago landscaping in various locations.
21 Please note, we are recommending going with the higher
22 bid. The City feels the bid was more responsive,
23 detailed, and we are more familiar with their work --
24 with their past work. The total project is \$152,962.50.
25 For the record, they are bypassing the other bid because
they felt Cummings was more responsive and also because
of the past work with Public Works. Any questions on
this proposal? (None) I'll entertain a motion.

26 Motion to to approve Public Works request to approve the
27 proposal from Cummings Landscaping made by William
28 Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

29 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

30 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
31 Opposed: None

32 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

33 Next we have Great Lakes Landscaping
34 proposal to provide City with flower watering and
35 hanging baskets at various locations. Please note this
was the only bid received. The bid amount is

1 \$98,780.00. Any questions or comments on the one
2 proposal that we received? (None) I'll entertain a
3 motion to approve.

4 Motion to approve Great Lakes Landscape Management
5 proposal for Public Works made by William Allen. Second
6 by Winna Guzman.

7 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

8 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
9 Opposed: None

10 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

11 Next is Fastenal, Fire Department.
12 This is for COVID-19 Pandemic supplies, in the amount of
13 \$33,689.00. Any questions or comments on this proposal
14 from the Fire Department?

15 MS. GUZMAN: Val, did you say 33,689?

16 MR. GOMEZ: Yes.

17 MS. GUZMAN: It should be 33,600.

18 MR. GOMEZ: Okay, you're right. It's a
19 little small. The amount of \$33,600.00. Any questions
20 or comments? (None) I'll entertain a motion to
21 approve.

22 Motion to approve Fastenal's proposal to Fire Department
23 for emergency equipment, amount of \$33,600.00, made by
24 William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

25 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we come to the Ambulance
Service Agreement. The explanation, this is the service
agreement between the City of East Chicago and Superior
Ambulance. My understanding is the only difference
between this and the original is we are providing a
subsidiary of \$100,000 to the contractor to include
operating costs. This will be paid to the contractor in
two installations of \$50,000 every six months.

Conversation I had with the Fire

1 Chief, this was the only section that changed on the
2 contract. Any questions or comments on the agreement
3 with Superior Ambulance Service, who happens to be our
4 service right now? (None) I'll entertain a motion
5 approve the agreement.

6 Motion to approve Agreement between the City of East
7 Chicago and Superior Ambulance made by William Allen.
8 Second by Winna Guzman.

9 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

10 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
11 Opposed: None

12 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

13 Next we have Fire Department, Fire
14 Rescue EMS-1 Academy. New online training tool
15 replacing Target Solutions, replacing one training with
16 another. And between the two, we feel more confident
17 with this item than the previous one in my conversation
18 with him. Any questions or comments? (None) The
19 amount for this would be \$11,336.00. I'll entertain a
20 motion to approve the proposal for East Chicago Fire
21 Department.

22 Motion to approve Fire Rescue Academy online training
23 tool made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

24 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

25 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next is Lexipol, Fire Department.
This is an agreement to update the fire department's
standard operating procedures and guidelines with
built-in training tools. This proposal is in the amount
of \$18,769.00. There is a discount of 15 percent. Any
questions or comments? (None) I'll entertain a motion
to approve Lexipol proposal with the Fire Department for
training, in the amount of \$18,769.00.

Motion to approve proposal with Lexipol made by William
Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

1 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

2 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

3 Next we come to Compliance reports.
4 These don't require a motion. These are just put on the
5 agenda for the record. The first one is EJ Block
6 Stadium, new locker rooms and press box. This is with
7 Gariup Construction and the total of that is \$89,392.66.
8 Any questions or comments on this report? (None)

9 We'll move on to the next one.
10 There is two, EJ Block Stadium, site utilities, with
11 Hasse. Potential damages are \$25,969.65. Any questions
12 or comments on this total? (None) The next one is a
13 revised final compliance report, EJ Block, dugout,
14 Gariup Construction. Damage amount is \$17,946.00. Any
15 questions or comments? (None)

16 Final compliance report is Homerlee
17 Reconstruction, total damages of \$112.14. Any questions
18 or comments? (None)

19 We'll move on to resolution, City of
20 East Chicago Resolution 2020-08, Board of Public Works
21 and Emma Biddings. Mr. Morrisroe?

22 MR. MORRISROE: This is a supplemental
23 agreement which follows the transfer of deeds, which you
24 executed this last week. James Portalatin and I
25 negotiated this. The points actually run from points 3
to seven, and where it talks about the total amount to
Emma Biddings, that includes the amount of the chain
link fence and the other items.

MR. GOMEZ: The main thing, we are
exchanging property with her, right?

MR. MORRISROE: Yes. And this concerns
fixing up the property, sod, fence, and reimbursement
for survey. All of this stems from the City putting up
a facility across from the Martin Luther Center on Miss
Biddings property.

MR. GOMEZ: Besides exchange of lots, we
are providing expense of \$4,100 and City is reimbursing
the survey cost of \$50.00?

MR. MORRISROE: That's correct.

MR. GOMEZ: The total amount would be
\$4,900.20. Any questions or comments on Resolution

1 2020-08? (None) I'll entertain a motion to approve
Resolution 2020-08.

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3 Motion to approve Resolution 2020-08 made by William
Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

4 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

7 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

8 Next, City of East Chicago, Board of
Public Works, Resolution 2020-09. This resolution is
9 authorizing the City of East Chicago to make -- this is
something that the State suggested to the City -- and
10 this references that cities are required to make
deposits every day. This will allow the City to make
deposits on two days, Tuesday and Thursday, and to
11 secure the funds, if the funds are not possible to be
deposited on those days. Any questions or comments on
Resolution 2020-09? (None) I'll entertain a motion to
12 approve Resolution 2020-09.

13 Motion to approve Resolution 2020-09 made by William
Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

14 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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16 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

17 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

18 We have on our agenda proposal for
Cesar Perez, East Chicago Auction. Our Board's Attorney
has asked that we table this while she can examine this
19 further. Am I correct?

20 MS. MORGAN: Yes.

21 MR. GOMEZ: We'll table this for next
meeting or until she has a chance to review this.

22 Next, JWF Specialty, administrative
service contract. This is from the Law Department and I
23 believe this is services they have every year.

24 MS. MORGAN: Right. We have been using
them as long as I have been in the Law Department. So
25 what they do is, they process claims that come in where

1 someone claims that the City has damaged like their
2 property, that kind of thing. The renewal terms are
3 essentially the same, so we ask that the Board approve
4 this.

5 MR. GOMEZ: You are satisfied with the
6 services?

7 MS. MORGAN: Yes. There's been times in
8 the past when we asked them to update things and adjust
9 their service, but they have worked with the City and
10 saved the City a lot of money and a lot of trouble.

11 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on
12 JWF Specialty Company's service agreement? (None) I'll
13 entertain a motion to approve JWF Specialty,
14 administrative service agreement renewal.

15 Motion to approve JWF Specialty, administrative service
16 agreement made by William Allen. Second by Winna
17 Guzman.

18 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

21 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

22 That brings us to outstanding
23 invoices. The first one from Walsh & Kelly,
24 Engineering. One invoice dates 11/30/2019, amount of
25 \$190,786.30.

MR. ALLEN: The Engineering Department
received the invoice on time, but the compliance
information needed to be finalized in order for us to
process payment. So, services have been rendered and
this is for the construction project from Columbus Drive
to 144th.

MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on
this late invoice? (None) I'll entertain a motion to
approve the late invoice for Walsh & Kelly, in the
amount of \$190,786.30.

Motion to approve late invoice for Walsh & Kelly made by
William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

1 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

2 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

3 Next we have late invoice,
4 Engineering, from Gateway Triangle Corp., dated
1/31/2020, amount of \$4.00.

5 MR. ALLEN: This was received by the
6 Engineering Department on time, but the rate hadn't been
approved yet for the PO to be opened. Services have
7 been rendered. Our vehicle was washed.

8 MR. GOMEZ: They got our \$4.00 worth?

9 MR. ALLEN: Yes.

10 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?
(None) I'll entertain a motion to approve late invoice
11 for Gateway Triangle, in the amount of \$4.00.

12 Motion to approve late invoice for Gateway Triangle made
by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

13 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

14 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

15 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

16 Next, we have Calumet Waste
17 Recycling, Building. This is a late invoice, in the
amount of -- there is two late invoices dated 9/27/2019
18 and 11/8/2019 -- total \$6,000.00. Their explanation is
services have been rendered and the invoice should have
19 been processed. So this is part of the Hardest Hit
properties, from IHCTA. I think that's their issue with
the State of Indiana site. Any questions or comments?
20 (None) I'll entertain a motion to approve late invoice
from Calumet Waste Recycling, Building Department,
21 amount of \$6,000.

22 Motion to approve late invoice from Calumet Waste
Recycling made by William Allen. Second by Winna
23 Guzman.

24 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

25 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None

1 Opposed: None

2 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

3 Next we have the late invoice, Law
4 Department, I believe this is for Attorney Allegretti.
5 Invoice was not received until March 31, 2020. Invoice
6 was dated December 23, 2019. Work was performed and
7 this needs to be processed. So, invoice was submitted
8 late. Any questions or comments? (None) I'll
9 entertain a motion to approve the outstanding invoice
10 from Law Department for Attorney Allegretti, in the
11 amount of \$1,000.

12 Motion to approve late invoice for Attorney Allegretti,
13 Law Department, made by William Allen. Second by Winna
14 Guzman.

15 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

18 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

19 That concludes outstanding invoices.
20 Next we have, under New Business, AMG Construction. Is
21 this for the Parrish and Grand concrete fence?

22 MR. ALLEN: This is to coat and clean the
23 two panels existing north of Columbus Drive, in between
24 Parrish and Grand. Total amount is \$1,740.00.

25 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on
26 this proposal? (None) I'll entertain a motion to
27 approve the proposal from AMG Construction, in the
28 amount of \$1,740.00.

29 Motion to approve proposal from AMG Construction made by
30 William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

31 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

32 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
33 Opposed: None

34 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

35 Next, R & D Construction, Deodar
36 Street parking lot stamped concrete, Engineering.

37 MR. ALLEN: This is the stamped concrete

1 to some of the landscape area for Deodar Street parking
2 lot that is currently under construction at this time.
3 The stamped concrete will match the pattern that we
4 installed on Broadway, right in front of the buildings
5 that was developed two years ago. That project was done
6 by Redevelopment. So, again, this is just astetic of
7 this parking lot and total amount is \$35,768.50.

8 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on
9 this proposal from R & D Construction? (None) I'll
10 entertain a motion to approve R & D Construction's
11 proposal for Deodar Street parking lot stamped concrete,
12 in the amount of \$35,768.50.

13 Motion to approve R & D Construction's proposal made by
14 William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

15 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

18 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

19 Next we have Calumet Electric
20 Supply. This is the 2020 rate schedule effective to
21 April 10, 2021.

22 MR. ALLEN: This is unit prices for
23 equipment and material that we purchase for maintenance
24 and repair for our electrical poles and lights
25 throughout the City.

MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on
their rate schedule? (None) I'll entertain a motion to
approve Calumet Electric Supply 2020 rate schedule for
this year, till April 10, 2021.

Motion to approve Calumet Electric supply 2020 rate
schedule made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have -- from Hasse
Construction -- proposal for the sanitary sewer
replacement project on 148th - Northcote to Wegg. This

1 is for lump sum of \$217,370.00.

2 MR. ALLEN: We have a sewer failure on
3 this street. Our sewer sits directly beneath the
4 existing water lines, so close that it's impossible to
5 repair the sewer where it lies currently. It has to be
6 relocated more towards the middle of the street,
7 position piping, and as you mentioned, the total price
8 of \$217,000, to repair and relocate.

9 MR. GOMEZ: I see this was a project that
10 we approved and this is to revise it?

11 MR. ALLEN: There's more work that's
12 needed, more time is needed.

13 MR. GOMEZ: Okay. Just for the record,
14 this was approved by the Board before this and this is
15 revised because of the circumstances at the time.

16 MR. ALLEN: There's an existing line that
17 was identified that we believe to be abandoned, that is
18 also a factor in there. So there is new cost and there
19 is also the lead to it that we had to restructure in
20 order to install the sewer.

21 MR. GOMEZ: Any further questions or
22 comments? (None) I'll entertain a motion to approve
23 Hasse replacement contract for Northcote to Wegg in the
24 amount of \$217,378.00.

25 Motion to approve Hasse proposal for additional work
made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have an amendment to a
document dated January 1, 2014, which is to the City's
Health Policy. There is no additional cost to it. What
it does is during this Pandemic emergency, it allows for
virtual visits within the network benefits, which will
be available under the same provisions as if it was
really a doctor's visit.

We were told by our provider
that we need to have this motion passed to be covered

1 under our health service -- under our program. So we'll
2 adopt virtual visits by doctors by virtual communication
3 between the patient and physician, because a lot of
4 doctors are cancelling personal visits, as are dentists.
5 This will be no cost to our plan, but will enable our
6 plan to provide this scope of service. Any questions or
7 comments? (None) I'll entertain a motion to approve
8 amendment to the City's Health policy for professional
9 services.

10 Motion to approve amendment to City's Health Policy made
11 by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

12 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

13 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
14 Opposed: None

15 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

16 Next we have right-of-way
17 applications. We have application number 20-3509. Then
18 we have the final number -- last number?

19 MS. GUZMAN: That is 3516.

20 MR. GOMEZ: Are there any questions on
21 the right-of-way permits 20-03509 to 20-03516? (None)
22 I'll entertain a motion to approve right-of-way permits
23 20-03509 to 20-03516.

24 Motion to approve right-of-way permits by William Allen.
25 Second by Winna Guzman.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

That concludes new business. I
believe Attorney Morgan would like to bring up something
under other business.

MS. MORGAN: The City has been involved
with the Truancy Program. The truancy contractor is
stationed at the schools to keep track of delinquent
kids, follow-up with letters where kids are truant. And
then there is a point where kids are truant, under State
law, that goes to City Court and the parents are issued

1 a ticket for the truancy of the children.

2 Well, the schools are not currently
3 in session -- as everyone knows -- so, we are asking
4 that -- for the moment -- the program be suspended and
5 the Board vote to suspend the program. But also note
6 that the School City is talking about more changes and
7 perhaps changing it so they can monitor kids from
8 E-Learning. But for accounting purposes and other
9 purposes, I am asking the Board to essentially freeze
10 the program as it is, until we hear from the school how
11 they want us to participate in this.

12 Just so you know, the foundation
13 that provides funding to the School City has provided
14 some funding, but the City has a lot of investment in
15 this too. We process the invoices from the contractors.
16 So I'd ask for you to consider a motion to suspend the
17 program for the time being until we get more information
18 from the School City how they want to proceed.

19 MR. GOMEZ: Do we have to make a motion
20 -- you will provide something for us to sign?

21 MS. MORGAN: I can provide that to Olga
22 so we have something to sign.

23 MR. GOMEZ: Okay, per explanation from
24 our Attorney, any questions or comments on her
25 explanation? (None) I'll entertain a motion to suspend
26 the Truancy Program until further notice, while we are
27 in this situation, the Pandemic emergency situation.

28 Motion to approve suspension of the Truancy Program at
29 this time made by William Allen. Second by Winna
30 Guzman.

31 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

32 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
33 Opposed: None

34 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

35 That concludes our other business.
36 Our next regular meeting will be Wednesday, April 22,
37 2020, at 4:30 p.m.. That concludes all our items on the
38 agenda, so I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.
39 Motion to adjourn meeting made by William Allen. Second
40 by Winna Guzman.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

2 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
3 Opposed: None

4 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

5 **** Meeting Adjourned at 5:08 p.m.****

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8 Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of
9 April 8, 2020
10 Approved and Signed April 8, 2020.

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Val Gomez, President

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William Allen, Vice President

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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 10th day of April, 2020.

Peggy S. LaLonde



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR