

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 22, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m.
Reported for Fissinger & Associates
By: Lisa Pena

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

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

Minutes: None.

Correspondence: None.

New Business:

MR. GOMEZ: First item on our agenda is Advertising Agency Agreement. Advertising Agency Agreement is made effective this 22nd of May 2019 between Marketing Partnership International, Incorporated of 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1622, Chicago, Illinois and City of East Chicago. The Advertiser is located at 4525 Indianapolis Boulevard.

MR. SEGURA: Yes. This is same agreement we had last year with MPI. They buy digital bulk media for us whether it be newspaper, radio or digital.

MR. GOMEZ: This is the second year we've had them?

MR. SEGURA: Yes. We basically create ads for them and then they buy them in bulk. And then they put them online for us and social media and a bunch of stuff.

MR. GOMEZ: And the cost estimates the City of East Chicago has agreed to 25,000?

MR. SEGURA: Yes. The same amount from last year.

MR. GOMEZ: And you're satisfied with the work?

1 MR. SEGURA: Yes. Absolutely. When we had our events,
we asked the visitors where are you from. Said from
2 Illinois. Where did you see it. We saw it online. So
that's where we're targeting. We're targeting like 60/40
3 people, 60 percent Illinois 40 percent Indiana. And it
seemed to work.

4 Questions/Comments: None.

5 Motion to approve Advertising Agency Agreement made by
6 William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

9 MR. GOMEZ: Next on our agenda we have Items for Surplus
from the Fire Department.

10 We have a letter from the Chief. And he informs us
he would like to declare the attached items from inventory
11 room and surplus. These items are broken and obsolete.
We're trying to clean out our inventory room for spring
12 cleaning. Respectfully Anthony P. Serna, Fire Chief.

13 For the record give your name.

14 MR. ESPOSITO: Deputy Chief Mark Esposito, Deputy Fire
Chief.

15 MR. GOMEZ: So I believe you have quite an extensive
16 list of items.

17 MR. ESPOSITO: Yeah. This is just a bunch of old dated
items, tools, appliances that we had the storage room from
18 years past.

19 MR. GOMEZ: And these items have no use even to other
departments if they wanted them?

20 MR. ESPOSITO: No. We do still have a bunch items that
21 are usable and operate. But these items in particular do not
work.

22 Questions/Comments: None.

23 Motion to approve Fire Department Items for Surplus made by
24 William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Next one is also with the Fire Department.
3 We have a proposal from Havmack Construction, Incorporated.
I believe this is for painting and drywalling.

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MR. ESPOSITO: Wallpaper removal, painting, resurfacing
5 the walls throughout the front office and central fire
station. Hauling away all the debris as well. We got two
6 quotes.

7 MR. GOMEZ: And the company you're picking is INA?

8 MR. ESPOSITO: We're picking Havmack.

9 MR. GOMEZ: I see.

10 MR. ESPOSITO: INA was the second quote.

11 MR. GOMEZ: For the record INA is the second quote.

12 MR. ESPOSITO: Correct.

13 MR. GOMEZ: The proposal is for \$5,675.

14 MR. ESPOSITO: Correct.

15 MS. GUZMAN: As far as the date on the estimate it's
last year's.

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MR. GOMEZ: Is that date still good? They're still
17 holding the price?

18 MR. ESPOSITO: Yeah. Same price. They did send us an
updated. This is the old one. We do have an updated quote.

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MR. GOMEZ: You do have an updated one?

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MR. ESPOSITO: Yes.

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MS. GUZMAN: Is it the same?

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MR. ESPOSITO: Same price, yes.

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MR. GOMEZ: The only difference is the date?

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MR. ESPOSITO: The date.

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1 MR. GOMEZ: You'll get that to Olga, the updated one?

2 MR. ESPOSITO: We'll do for sure.

3 Questions/Comments: None.

4 Motion to approve Havmack Construction, Inc. Proposal for
5 Fire Department made by William Allen. Second by Winna
6 Guzman.

7 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

8 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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10 MR. ESPOSITO: Thank you.

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12 MR. GOMEZ: We have from Gariup Construction Change
13 Order Number 6 from Public Works.

14 MR. SELVIE: Keith Selvie, Director of Public Works.
15 What you have before is a change order we're trying to get
16 paid for Gariup. It was to do the soil analysis for the
17 dugouts over at Block Stadium.

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19 MR. GOMEZ: It's in the amount of --

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21 MR. SELVIE: \$1,093.

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23 MR. GOMEZ: Our people have looked at this change order
24 and they approve of it?

25 MR. SELVIE: That is correct.

Questions/Comments: None.

26 Motion to approve Gariup Construction Change Order Number 6
27 for Public Works made by William Allen. Second by Winna
28 Guzman.

29 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

30 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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32 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have a proposal from Johnson
33 Controls from Public Works.

34 MR. SELVIE: What you have before is to replace 24
35 actuators which actually control the dampers over at the
36 Public Safety Building.

37 As you guys probably remember this is the last

1 phase of the dampers. They were initially 86 of them that
2 were in-op. These are the last 24 that we did not have
3 access to that we now do. And this is to replace their
4 motors.

5 Total cost is \$21,257.

6 MR. GOMEZ: This has been an ongoing project?

7 MR. SELVIE: Quite a huge project as a matter of fact.

8 Questions/Comments: None.

9 Motion to approve Johnson Controls Proposal for the Public
10 Safety Building made by William Allen. Second by Winna
11 Guzman.

12 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

13 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

14 MR. GOMEZ: Now we come to Outstanding Invoices. We
15 have Star Security.

16 MS. COSME: That is not the revised. I received a call
17 to remove that from the agenda.

18 MR. GOMEZ: So we just have the outstanding invoice from
19 Patricia Melendez from the Police Department.

20 MR. COSSEY: George Cossey, Police Department. So late
21 submission of some receipts that were a reimbursement for
22 some receipts that were submitted to the Service Division.
23 It says 2019. But it was December 2018. And they were all
24 functions that were approved by Chief Smith.

25 MR. GOMEZ: It's for \$184. They add up to \$184.47.

MR. COSSEY: Yes.

MR. GOMEZ: And you can verify that these were
legitimate expenses?

MR. COSSEY: Yes. And we still have them at the Police
Department in storage.

Questions/Comments: None.

1 Motion to approve Patricia Melendez Outstanding Invoices for
2 the Police Department made by William Allen. Second by Winna
3 Guzman.

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

4 MR. COSSEY: Thank you. Have a good evening.

5 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have the Compliance Report for 149th
6 Street from our Planning Department.

7 MS. RAMIREZ: Esperanza Ceja Ramirez, Compliance
8 Manager. This is to go over 149th Street Reconstruction
9 Project. The project has now ended. We're just finalizing
10 all the details.

10 This is close to a final action. We're just
11 waiting for a few more things. And once we receive it then
12 we're going to finalize this report.

12 General Contractors, Hasse Construction, the
13 original contract amount is for \$4,874,540. We did have
14 about seven change orders which were submitted which
15 accumulate to a negative \$1,938.72 which gives us now an
16 adjusted contract amount of \$4,872,601.28.

15 Overall the total damages which include the
16 residential and minority is \$179,313.28.

16 Like I said this is close to a final report now.
17 We are trying to do that for this month, trying to close out
18 all the different reports that are pending for the jobs that
19 are ended. But like everything we're waiting on several
20 contractors to send us their payroll.

19 Anyone have any questions for me?

20 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments? Thank you very
21 much.

21 MS. RAMIREZ: Thank you.

22 MR. GOMEZ: As usual this is just for information. No
23 motion is required.

24 Next we come to the Foto Shop proposal. I believe
25 this is from the Park Department.

1 MS. GUZMAN: I can kind of elaborate on this. This is a
2 proposal for the frames for City Hall that we're going to be
3 placing along the walls in the hallways.

4 MR. GOMEZ: So this is basically to replace. When we
5 remodeled City Hall, we took down all the old frames. We
6 took out all the old frames and all the old pictures.

7 MS. GUZMAN: Yes. They're different sizes. And they're
8 going to mount, deliver and pretty much mount the frames as
9 well.

10 So we've got quite a bit of frames going
11 throughout. Not too many. But they're going to be different
12 sizes, pretty large sized frames.

13 Again they're going to be at City Hall displayed on
14 the first floor.

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16 MR. GOMEZ: I think it even includes the ones with
17 pictures and mirrors that were in this chamber.

18 MS. GUZMAN: Yes. That is the second actually.

19 MR. GOMEZ: I was aware of the project also. All those
20 frames from before were dated when we remodeled the building.
21 We repainted the building. We redid the floors. It was a
22 complete makeover.

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24 MS. GUZMAN: Yeah. We have 16 by 20s and 20 by 24s
25 going up. So it's going to be really nice. And one of the
26 proposals is for \$8,116. And the second one is \$1,044.

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28 MR. GOMEZ: These also include the prints.

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30 MS. GUZMAN: Yes.

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32 MR. GOMEZ: It's not just the frames. It's the prints
33 also.

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35 MS. GUZMAN: Yes.

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37 Questions/Comments: None.

38 Motion to approve Foto Shop Proposal made by William Allen.

39 Second by Winna Guzman.

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41 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

42 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Next from Special Events we have Party in
2 Peace. This is a personal service agreement for assistance
3 in booking and obtaining entertainment for Rhythm and Soul
4 Event Saturday June 14 (sic), 2019 at Washington Park.

5 Is there anybody to speak on this?

6 MS. GUZMAN: No. But I can elaborate on that. The
7 amount of the services is \$7,150. Again the agreement is
8 with Party in Peace.

9 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Winna, I think I reviewed that
10 contract.

11 MS. GUZMAN: Thank you. Reviewed by the Law Department
12 and requesting that this Board approve the same.

13 MR. GOMEZ: So this is for the event June 15 at
14 Washington Park in the amount of \$7,150.
15 Questions/Comments: None.
16 Motion to approve Party in Peace Personal Service Agreement
17 made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

20 MR. GOMEZ: Next on our agenda we have Proposal from
21 Wild Goose Chase.

22 Is there anybody to speak on this proposal?

23 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I spoke with Natalie or at least I
24 communicated with her electronically. I am not sure what the
25 urgency is. I know she is getting fed up with geoses and
26 droppings. But there was some features of this agreement
27 that the Law Department wasn't comfortable with.

28 It did have a late charge in there. I think it's
29 still in there.

30 MR. GOMEZ: Do you want us to exclude those or do we
31 table it?

32 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I don't know if it's acceptable to the
33 service provider. I hate to suggest you table it. But I am
34 asking that you table it.

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1 MR. GOMEZ: Okay. We'll table this for the next
2 meeting.

3 Next we have a proposal to purchase two passenger
4 people movers.

5 Here's Natalie.

6 MS. ADAMS: You want me to come up there now?

7 MR. GOMEZ: If you don't mind. Mr. Allegretti was
8 explaining there were some items in the proposal from Wild
9 Goose Chase that you may need to discuss with them to strike
10 out.

11 MS. ADAMS: Yes. The one thing that was struck out was
12 the 1 percent. That was already taken out. I think I sent
13 you the one that was updated with that.

14 First of all I just want to clarify it's called
15 Wild Goose Chase. But for this agreement this is what has
16 been done at the beach for I think this would be the fourth
17 year. And it's not for geese. It's for gulls, for the
18 seagulls.

19 Geese is a problem at the Marina. And I already
20 have a separate agreement for that. That's not what this is.
21 This is for the beach. This is for the seagulls.

22 This is where they bring that dog and they chase
23 the seagulls off. And they brought data to show us that
24 since we've been doing it how our bacteria levels have
25 decreased dramatically over the past four years based on this
activity during our beach season.

26 So the funding for that was all done through a
27 grant with IDEM. IDEM had brought us together at the
28 beginning of April and told us that that grant was no longer
29 available. And if we wanted to do it, we'd be on our own
30 completely.

31 And then just recently they sent us an e-mail
32 saying, hey, they did state that they would be able to give
33 us \$30,000 for that gull program to remove the gulls or to
34 chase away the gulls. We would have to pay the difference
35 which is the \$68,000.

36 I do recognize, Attorney Allegretti, that the
37 information in there is not necessarily the standard of what

1 we have. What we're trying to do is try to keep our bacteria
2 levels low. It's the same program they've had every year.
3 And they've been very successful.

4 The language may not be what we would have
5 preferred. But it's so last minute we thought we could just
6 move forward with it like it is. And hopefully next year if
7 we have to go down this then it would be an agreement that we
8 would draft with them, you know, at a totally different level
9 or maybe we can find another way to reduce the gull activity.
10 I'm not really sure.

11 They want to meet with us again this year for some
12 other best practices for the Marina to do to attempt to
13 reduce gull activity. But I don't know when that is yet.

14 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Mr. President, the Law Department will
15 withdraw any objection we had to this document. It's fine.
16 Since Miss Adams has some experience with this vendor and is
17 happy with it the Law Department is also happy.

18 MS. ADAMS: They're pretty driven about this. I mean
19 it's kind of like what they do. And reduction of bacteria
20 for beaches and stuff is high on IDEM's list even though the
21 funding was not what they wanted it to be this year. We all
22 know what grant funding is like. Things change.

23 So I would like to just keep it in place as it has
24 been over the past four years.

25 MR. GOMEZ: I think it's a good idea especially with
everything we've done at the Marina.

MS. ADAMS: Exactly. I don't want to go backwards.

MR. GOMEZ: I don't know if people have been there. But
it's looking very -- I think it's one of the best beaches in
the area. And before we had this we had a severe problem.
It was a severe health hazard.

I mean I think the beach was closed just about
everyday because of these droppings. And since then it's
been open a lot.

MS. ADAMS: Correct. Another thing that we're trying to
deal with is that D&R, they stop the lake at the Marina twice
a year. And when they stop the lake, that brings the gulls
in. So they just recently stopped the lake. So we have a
major influx of gull activity that we need to address.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Is the proposal with the Marina or the Park
Department?

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3 MS. ADAMS: It looks like it might fall under the Marina
because when I spoke with the Health Department I thought
4 that the Health Department kind of managed that process over
the past three years. They said no, basically IDEM
5 completely did it. All they did was kind of give them an FYI
about it.

6 So it looks like this PO might be processed under
the Marina.

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8 MR. GOMEZ: And the funding has been approved already?

9 MS. ADAMS: The funding has been approved.

10 Questions/Comments: None.

11 Motion to approve Wild Goose Chase Proposal made by William
Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

14 MR. GOMEZ: Next on our agenda is Passenger People
Mover. Are we going with this?

15 MS. ADAMS: No. We're going to table that for now.

16 MR. GOMEZ: We could put it on our agenda for the next
meeting or if it requires a special meeting you will let us
17 know.

18 MS. ADAMS: Correct.

19 MR. GOMEZ: Next we come to Resolution 2019-15.

20 MS. ADAMS: Can I just ask a question? I see I had
another one on here for Party in Peace. Did that already go
21 through?

22 MR. GOMEZ: Yes. Winna spoke on it.

23 MS. ADAMS: Okay. Thank you very much.

24 MR. GOMEZ: Next we come to Resolution 2019-15.
Resolution of the East Chicago Board of Public Works
25 accepting proposal from Royalty Construction for

1 architectural design and project management services for work
at 3724 Main Street.

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3 And this calls for a lump sum of \$82,000. The
proposed architectural design and project management services
for the building at 3724 Main Street.

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5 MR. ALLEGRETTI: The agenda says Milton. But I am here.
This is Tracy Gellis. He is a general contractor doing
service as project manager to rehabilitate this building
6 which is in significant disrepair.

7 He is going to prepare architectural engineering
drawings from which we will get competitive bids in the form
8 of seven-day letters for all the building trades required to
make the repairs to the building and make it not only
9 presentable, but a real good looking building in the
neighborhood.

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11 We expect to have those sealed bids in front of
this Board within the next month and construction underway no
later than the end of June.

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13 MS. GUZMAN: Joe, I know it says 3724. But I think it
starts 22 24. So they may want to check the address on that.

14 MR. ALLEGRETTI: It's the Galleria.

15 MS. GUZMAN: Yeah. I think it is.

16 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I might have transposed a number. It
wouldn't be the first time. Won't be the last. But it's the
17 Galleria. So-called.

18 MR. GOMEZ: What's the address?

19 MS. GUZMAN: 3722 through 24.

20 Questions/Comments: None.

21 Motion to approve Resolution 2019-15 made by William Allen.
Second by Winna Guzman.

22 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.

23 Opposed: None Motion Carries.

24 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Revised Contract between City
of East Chicago and JM Industrial Services.

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1 Is there anybody here to speak from the Building
Department?

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3 MR. MORRISROE: Richard Morrisroe, Assistant City
Attorney. James Portalatin is on vacation this week.

4 MR. GOMEZ: Michelle is here.

5 MR. MORRISROE: Very good.

6 MR. GOMEZ: This is a Revised Contract between the City
of East Chicago and JM Industrial Services for demolition.

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8 MS. CHANDLER: For what?

9 MS. GUZMAN: This is for demolition services for JM
Industrial. There's a contract.

10 MR. GOMEZ: It's a Revised Contract for JM Industrial
Services, Incorporated for properties that were bid out under
11 the 2019 Board of Safety Demolition of Unsafe Buildings. And
the Building Department is asking to approve this Revised
12 Contract?

13 MS. CHANDLER: Yes.

14 MR. GOMEZ: And under this Revised Contract I believe
there are a total of I believe it's 30 properties.

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16 MS. CHANDLER: I'm sorry. I didn't get any paperwork on
this. So I am not aware of how many properties it is.

17 MR. GOMEZ: I believe 30 properties. And I believe the
total amount for these 30 demolition of properties according
18 to the paperwork that James provided is \$347,500.

19 I stand corrected. It's 25.

20 For the record the Building Department has
determined these are all unsafe buildings?

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22 MS. CHANDLER: Yes, they are.

23 Questions/Comments: None.

24 Motion to approve Revised JM Industrial Services Contract
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.

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MS. CHANDLER: Let me report my name. My name is
3 Michelle Chandler, Office Manager with the Building
Department.

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MR. GOMEZ: Thank you. Next we have GE Marshal,
5 Incorporated from Engineering.

6 MR. ALLEN: This is our hourly crew rate for GE Marshal,
the contractor that's putting in the new water main on
7 Indianapolis Boulevard from Columbus Drive to Exchange. And
this is basically in case of repairs needed to a service line
8 that is hit that is also unmarked. GE Marshal will be making
the repair. And this will be done in a way to not hold up
9 the job that they are currently contracted to do.

10 So the amount for their hourly crew rate is
\$758.50. Engineering would like to move forward with this
11 price. And this has been vetted by our Army Corp partners
who are assisting us with this project.

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Questions/Comments: None.

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Motion to approve GE Marshal Hourly Crew Rate made by William
14 Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Hasse Change Order Number 10
17 for 149th Street Reconstruction also from Engineering.

18 MR. ALLEN: So at the end of every job we have a balance
in change order. For this project it came in at a net
19 decrease of \$66,688.58. It is the Engineering Department's
recommendation to approve this Change Order.

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MR. GOMEZ: It's a decrease then?

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MR. ALLEN: Yes.

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Questions/Comments: None.

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Motion to approve Hasse Change Order Number 10 made by
24 William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Rieth Riley Change Order Number
3 2 for the Walsh Street Reconstruction Project.

4 MR. ALLEN: This is a zero net change order. There is
no increase or decrease. Only the extension of days or time
5 for the job.

6 There was some things that the City wanted to add
to this contract. Thus more design work needed to be done
7 before the contractor could begin their work.

8 They are requesting 60 days be added to this
project. This is for Walsh Avenue being reconstructed. And
9 again it's a zero net increase to this job.

10 The job will now be completed in November of this
year.

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MR. GOMEZ: And I believe this first group submitted its
12 report and they agreed with the findings.

13 MR. ALLEN: Yes.

14 Questions/Comments: None.

15 Motion to approve Rieth Riley Change Order Number 2 made by
William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

18 MR. GOMEZ: Next we come Right of Way Applications.
Board of Public Works Permit Applications Number 19-03184
19 through 19-03215.

20 Questions/Comments: None.

21 Motion to approve Permit Applications 19-03184 through
19-03215 made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

24 Old Business: None.

25 Other Business: None.

1 * Next Regular Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 12,
2019 @ 4:30 p.m.

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Motion to adjourn made by William. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

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Opposed: None Motion Carries.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of
Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Approved and Signed _____

Val Gomez, President

William Allen, Vice President

Winna Guzman, Member

Olga Cosme, Board Secretary

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