

**In The Matter Of:**  
*EAST CHICAGO REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION*  
*EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA*

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*REGULAR MEETING*  
*January 18, 2022*

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4 BEFORE THE EAST CHICAGO  
5 REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
6 EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA  
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8 REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the meeting  
9 before the East Chicago Redevelopment Commission,  
10 reported by Kristen K. Stokes, CSR, Notary Public in  
11 and for the County of Lake, State of Indiana, taken  
12 via Zoom Video-Conferencing to be held at City Hall  
13 Council Chambers, 4525 Indianapolis Boulevard, East  
14 Chicago, Indiana 46312, on January 18, 2022,  
15 scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. in the evening.  
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APPEARANCES:

Christine Russell, Board President  
Rodger Gates, Board Vice President  
Christopher French, Board Secretary  
Delainah Valdez-Medina, Commissioner  
Randall Artis, Commissioner  
Frank Rivera, Executive Director  
Shelice Tolbert, Attorney  
Thomas Mesich, Financial Advisor  
Rochelle Rosas, Administrative Assistant  
and  
Members of the Public

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1           PRESIDENT RUSSELL: I'd like to go ahead  
2           and call the meeting to order for the East  
3           Chicago Redevelopment Commission regular  
4           meeting, City Hall Council Chambers, 4525  
5           Indianapolis Boulevard, Second Floor, East  
6           Chicago, Indiana, January 18th, 2022,  
7           5:00 p.m.

8           Pledge of Allegiance, please. Stand.  
9           (PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.)

10          PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Thank you.  
11          Roll call, please.

12          SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

13          COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Here.

14          SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

15          COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Present.

16          SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?  
17          Present.

18          Rodger Gates?

19          VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Here.

20          SECRETARY FRENCH: Christine Russell?

21          PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Here. Thank you.

22          We'll go on to the approval of the regular  
23          meeting minutes for January 4th, 2022. May  
24          we have a motion?

25          COMMISSIONER ARTIS: So moved.

1 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Second.

2 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Second.

3 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion was made by  
4 Randy Artis, second by Delainah Valdez-Medina.  
5 Any questions or comments?

6 Roll call, please.

7 SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

8 COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Yes.

9 SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

10 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

11 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

12 Yes.

13 Rodger Gates?

14 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

15 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion carried.

16 Now on to the approval of the dockets, Frank.

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Yes. Thank  
18 you.

19 Good evening, Mrs. President, Vice  
20 President Mr. Gates, Secretary Mr. French and  
21 our commissioners and our esteemed legal  
22 Ms. Shelice Tolbert and Kristen from Boss  
23 Reporters. Good evening.

24 Okay. Let's start off with the approval  
25 of the dockets, and the first approval of the

1 dockets is the City of East Chicago accounts  
2 payable warrant report. It's dated  
3 1/13/2022. The warrant number is 011822RD  
4 in the amount of \$73,404.61. If I can have a  
5 motion.

6 SECRETARY FRENCH: Motion to approve by  
7 Christopher French.

8 COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Second, Randy Artis.

9 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion was made by  
10 Christopher French, second by Randy Artis.  
11 Any comments or questions?

12 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: I do have a  
13 question.

14 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Go ahead.

15 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Actually,  
16 Frank, there is -- I'm just questioning the  
17 CDBG COVID and admin. Is -- what fund is  
18 that?

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: It's under  
20 the Community Development Block Grant. The  
21 COVID one is for -- currently right now is  
22 for administrative purposes right now we have  
23 a -- (unintelligible)

24 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: I'm sorry.  
25 So that's for administrative purposes?

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Yeah, right  
2 now.

3 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: And who  
4 developed that fund? I mean, is that  
5 something that we did or the city?

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: HUD did,  
7 Housing of Urban Development out of the  
8 federal government.

9 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Okay. Thank  
10 you.

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: You're  
12 welcome.

13 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Any other comments or  
14 questions?

15 Roll call, please.

16 SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

17 COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Yes.

18 SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

19 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

20 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

21 Yes.

22 Rodger Gates?

23 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

24 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion carried.

25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Thank you,



1           Commissioners.

2           We go on to the next particular docket,  
3           which is the City of East Chicago's accounts  
4           payable warrant report, which is dated  
5           1/13/2023 -- I mean 22, I'm sorry, warrant  
6           number 011822RC in the amount of \$754,499.99.  
7           If I can have a motion.

8           COMMISSIONER ARTIS:   So moved, Randy  
9           Artis.

10          SECRETARY FRENCH:   Second by Christopher  
11          French.

12          PRESIDENT RUSSELL:   Motion made by Randy  
13          Artis, second by Christopher French.   Any  
14          questions or comments?

15          Roll call, please.

16          SECRETARY FRENCH:   Randall Artis?

17          COMMISSIONER ARTIS:   Yes.

18          SECRETARY FRENCH:   Delainah Valdez-Medina?

19          COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA:   Yes.

20          SECRETARY FRENCH:   Christopher French?

21          Yes.

22          Rodger Gates?

23          VICE PRESIDENT GATES:   Yes.

24          PRESIDENT RUSSELL:   Yes.   Motion carried.

25          EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA:   Thank you,

1           Commissioners.

2           We're on our third City of East Chicago  
3           accounts payable warrant report, and it's  
4           dated 1/11/2022. That warrant number is  
5           122321RD in the amount of \$30,000. If I  
6           could have a motion, please.

7           COMMISSIONER ARTIS: So moved, Randy  
8           Artis.

9           SECRETARY FRENCH: Second by Christopher  
10          French.

11          PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion was made by  
12          Randy Artis, second by Christopher French.  
13          Any comments or questions?

14          Roll call, please.

15          SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

16          COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Yes.

17          SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

18          COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

19          SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

20          Yes.

21          Rodger Gates?

22          VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

23          PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion carried.

24          EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Our last one  
25          is a City of East Chicago accounts payable

1 warrant report. It's dated 1/13/2022. The  
2 warrant number is 010422RD in the amount of  
3 \$1,784,883.53. If I could have a motion.

4 COMMISSIONER ARTIS: So moved, Randy  
5 Artis.

6 SECRETARY FRENCH: Second by Christopher  
7 French.

8 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion was made by  
9 Randy Artis, second by Christopher French.  
10 Any comments or questions?

11 Roll call, please.

12 SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

13 COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Yes.

14 SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

15 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

16 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

17 Yes.

18 Rodger Gates?

19 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

20 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion carried.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Thank you.

22 We go on to the RMC Harborside Vendor Aging  
23 Report. That's based on a billing date as of  
24 1/12/2022, and the total is \$95,213.23. If I  
25 could have a motion.

1                   SECRETARY FRENCH: Motion to approve by  
2 Christopher French.

3                   COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Second, Randy Artis.

4                   PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion was made by  
5 Christopher French, second by Randy Artis.

6 Any comments or questions?

7 Roll call, please.

8                   SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

9                   COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Yes.

10                  SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

11                  COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

12                  SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

13 Yes.

14 Rodger Gates?

15                  VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

16                  PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion carried.

17                  EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Thank you,  
18 Commissioners.

19                  We go on to the next part of the agenda  
20 are action items. First action item is to  
21 approve the extension of the agreement with  
22 Robert Half for the services of Joseph Thomas  
23 Mesich as staff accountant through  
24 December 31, 2022.

25                  COMMISSIONER ARTIS: So moved, Randy

1           Artis.

2                   VICE PRESIDENT GATES:   Second, Rodger  
3           Gates.

4                   PRESIDENT RUSSELL:   Frank, don't you have  
5           to read it first?

6                   EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA:   Yes I do.

7                   COMMISSIONER ARTIS:   Oh, I'm sorry.

8                   EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA:   Yeah.   The  
9           agreement between Robert Half and the  
10          Redevelopment Department was originally  
11          approved in May 2018 for the services of  
12          Joseph Thomas Mesich as staff accountant.   An  
13          amendment in the amount of \$120,000 needs to  
14          be approved for funding through December  
15          31st, 2022.

16                   Action is recommended to approve the  
17          extension of the agreement with Robert Half  
18          for Mr. Mesich as staff accountant and  
19          authorize the Executive Director to sign any  
20          necessary documents.   It is recommended the  
21          following motion be adopted verbatim.

22                   COMMISSIONER ARTIS:   So approved, Randy  
23          Artis.

24                   PRESIDENT RUSSELL:   Motion to approve the  
25          extension of the agreement with Robert Half

1 for the services of Joseph Thomas Mesich as  
2 staff accountant through December 31, 2022,  
3 for an amount of \$120,000 and to authorize  
4 the Executive Director to sign the necessary  
5 documents.

6 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Motion to approve.

7 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Second,  
8 Valdez-Medina.

9 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Okay. Who motioned  
10 because it was three at once?

11 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Randy did  
12 twice.

13 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Randy.

14 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Okay. Motion was  
15 made by Randy Artis, second by Delainah  
16 Valdez-Medina. Any comments or questions?

17 Roll call, please.

18 SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

19 COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Yes.

20 SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

21 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

22 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

23 Yes.

24 Rodger Gates?

25 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

1 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion carried.

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: We go to the  
3 next action item, and that's to approve  
4 payment to The Times of Northwest Indiana.

5 The East Chicago Department of  
6 Redevelopment received an invoice for Order  
7 No. 80707-1 from The Times of Northwest  
8 Indiana, dated October 24, 2021, for  
9 publication of legal notice for Amendatory  
10 Declaratory Resolution Public Hearing RDC  
11 Lakefront A.A. No. 3, 10/18/21. The total  
12 amount due is \$53.46.

13 Action is recommended to approve  
14 payment of the past due invoice and to  
15 authorize the Executive Director to sign  
16 the necessary documents. It is recommended  
17 that the following motion be adopted  
18 verbatim.

19 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion to approve  
20 payment of Order No. 80707-1 to The Times of  
21 Northwest Indiana in the amount of \$53.46 and  
22 to authorize the Executive Director to sign  
23 the necessary documents.

24 COMMISSIONER ARTIS: So moved, Randy  
25 Artis.

1 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Second,  
2 Valdez-Medina.

3 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion was made by  
4 Randy Artis, second by Delainah  
5 Valdez-Medina. Any comments or questions?

6 Roll call, please.

7 SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

8 COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Yes.

9 SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

10 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

11 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

12 Yes.

13 Rodger Gates?

14 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

15 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion carried.

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Thank you.

17 We go on to the next action item. That's  
18 to set the value of 2001 Franklin Street,  
19 Lots 20 to 26, East Chicago, Indiana, as  
20 individually listed.

21 Appraisal reports were completed for  
22 property located at 2001 Franklin Street,  
23 Lots 20 through 26, East Chicago, Indiana.

24 The first appraisal was in the amount of  
25 \$140,000 for all lots. The second appraisal



1 value was \$107,800 total but prepared for  
2 each individual lot as follows.

3 And what we have is each one of the  
4 lots first appraisal, and I believe what  
5 we ended up wanting to do is to make the  
6 recommendations below, and the  
7 recommendations for these based on those  
8 two particulars.

9 It's 2001 Franklin Lot 20 at \$13,800.  
10 2001 Franklin Lot 21 at \$17,300. 2001  
11 Franklin Lot 22 at \$18,200. 2001 Franklin  
12 Lot 23 at \$16,400. 2001 Franklin Lot 24 at  
13 \$19,200. 2001 Franklin Lot 25 at \$17,400.  
14 2001 Franklin Lot 26 at \$19,500.

15 Action is recommended to set the value of  
16 the lots as listed and proceed with any  
17 offers of sale or proposals of redevelopment  
18 of the property. It is recommended that the  
19 following motion be adopted verbatim.

20 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion to set the  
21 value of 2001 Franklin Street, Lots 20  
22 through 26, East Chicago, Indiana, as  
23 individually listed for a combined total of  
24 \$121,800 and to proceed with any offers of  
25 sale or proposals of redevelopment of the

1 property.

2 COMMISSIONER ARTIS: So moved, Randy  
3 Artis.

4 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Second, Rodger  
5 Gates.

6 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion was made by  
7 Randy Artis, second by Rodger Gates. Any  
8 comments or questions?

9 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: I do have a  
10 question. Are there contractors interested  
11 now to purchase these as a whole?

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: No, we're not  
13 going to be using contractors. We're going  
14 to allow people to purchase the lot with some  
15 conditions as to state basically that you  
16 will not sit on these properties, that you  
17 will build a home on them. We thought it  
18 was more necessary for them to be able to  
19 choose who they want, give them a list of  
20 contractors, but it's up to them to choose  
21 who they want.

22 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Okay. Thank  
23 you.

24 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Any other comments or  
25 questions?

1 Roll call, please.

2 SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

3 COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Yes.

4 SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

5 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

6 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

7 Yes.

8 Rodger Gates?

9 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

10 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion carried.

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Thank you.

12 We go on to the next action item, which  
13 is to approve the federal CDBG HUD funds for  
14 Change Order No. 1 as an addendum to the  
15 homeowner's construction contract for the  
16 Roofing Systems Project located at 4836  
17 Kennedy Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana 46312.

18 For the owner-occupied Roofing System  
19 Project located at 4836 Kennedy Avenue, East  
20 Chicago, Indiana 46312, which is  
21 participating in the Residential Repair  
22 Program, the owner's agreed Change Order  
23 No. 1 cost is \$6,350, which will be an  
24 addendum to the homeowner's construction  
25 contract.

1           The new cost will be allocated to the  
2 homeowner's CDBG rehab grant to cover home  
3 repairs using federal CDBG HUD funds. The  
4 total cost of this change order is 34 percent  
5 of the original contract, which due to  
6 unforeseeable circumstances is considered  
7 acceptable for this project.

8           Therefore, it's requested of the East  
9 Chicago Redevelopment Commission to approve  
10 the funding and allocation of Change Order  
11 No. 1 for this owner-occupied rehab project.  
12 It is recommended that the following motion  
13 be made verbatim.

14           PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion to approve the  
15 federal CDBG HUD funds in the amount of  
16 \$6,350 for Change Order No. 1 as an addendum  
17 to the homeowner's construction contract for  
18 the Roofing Systems Project located at 4836  
19 Kennedy Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana 46312,  
20 which is participating in the Residential  
21 Rehabilitation Program. The \$6,350 shall be  
22 allocated to the homeowner's CDBG rehab grant  
23 and authorize the Executive Director to  
24 execute any related documents.

25           COMMISSIONER ARTIS: So moved, Randy

1 Artis.

2 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Second,  
3 Valdez-Medina.

4 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion was made by  
5 Randy Artis, second by Delainah  
6 Valdez-Medina. Any comments or questions?

7 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Just one.

8 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Roll call -- oh, I'm  
9 sorry.

10 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Just one question.  
11 Was that originally a roofing contract, or  
12 was it a complete rehab contract?

13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: It's a  
14 roofing contract, but it's not a contract  
15 because we have two roofing programs.

16 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: You're just  
17 expanding on the roofing contract then?

18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Yes,  
19 amending it.

20 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: All right.

21 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Any other comments or  
22 questions?

23 Roll call, please.

24 SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

25 COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Yes.

1 SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

2 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

3 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

4 Yes.

5 Rodger Gates?

6 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

7 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion carried.

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Thank you.

9 We go to the next action item to approve  
10 the federal CDBG HUD funds for the change  
11 Order No. 1 as an addendum to the homeowner's  
12 construction contract for the Exterior Wood  
13 Stair System Project located 4015 Carey  
14 Street, East Chicago, Indiana 46312.

15 For the owner-occupied Exterior Wood  
16 Stair System Project located at 4015 Carey  
17 Street, East Chicago, Indiana 46312, which is  
18 participating in the Emergency Repair Program  
19 within the Neighborhood Revitalization  
20 Strategy Area, known as the NRSA. The  
21 owner's agreed Change Order No. 1 cost is  
22 \$1,065 (attached), which will be an addendum  
23 to the homeowner's construction contract.  
24 The new cost will be additionally allocated  
25 to the homeowner's CDBG-financed loan to

1 cover home repairs using federal CDBG HUD  
2 funds. The total cost of this change order  
3 is 14 percent of the original contract. This  
4 is considered acceptable for this project.

5 Therefore, it is requested of the East  
6 Chicago Redevelopment Commission to approve  
7 the funding and allocation of Change Order  
8 No. 1 for this owner-occupied rehab project.

9 It is recommended that the following  
10 motion be made verbatim.

11 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion to approve the  
12 federal CDBG HUD funds in the amount of  
13 \$1,065 for Change Order No. 1 as an addendum  
14 to the homeowner's construction contract for  
15 the Exterior Wood Stair System Project  
16 located at 4015 Carey Street, East Chicago,  
17 Indiana 46312, which is participating in the  
18 Emergency Rehab Program within the  
19 Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area,  
20 known as NRSA. The \$1,065 shall be  
21 additionally allocated to the homeowner's  
22 CDBG-financed loan and authorize the  
23 Executive Director to execute any related  
24 documents.

25 COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Randy Artis, so

1 moved.

2 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Second,  
3 Valdez-Medina.

4 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion was made by  
5 Randy Artis, second by Delainah  
6 Valdez-Medina. Any comments or questions?

7 Roll call, please.

8 SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

9 COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Yes.

10 SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

11 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

12 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

13 Yes.

14 Rodger Gates?

15 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

16 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion carried.

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Thank you.

18 We go on to our last action item of the  
19 night, which is to approve the federal HUD  
20 funds for the emergency HVAC System Project  
21 located at 4838 Northcote Avenue, East  
22 Chicago, Indiana 46312.

23 The Department of Redevelopment  
24 Commission, on behalf of the City of East  
25 Chicago receives funds from the United States



1 Department of Housing and Urban Development,  
2 known as HUD, under the National Affordable  
3 Housing Act of 1990, to execute various  
4 components of the Residential Repair Program  
5 within the HOME Investment Partnership  
6 Program, known as HOME, and the Community  
7 Development block grants, known as CDBG.

8 A principal component of the City's  
9 HOME and CDBG programs is the provision of  
10 grants and loans to eligible owner-occupied  
11 homeowners to enable them to rehabilitate  
12 their home and, when applicable, reduce the  
13 health hazards associated with lead-based  
14 paints in compliance with local and state  
15 housing code standards and federal  
16 regulations. Household income limits for  
17 these funding sources are prescribed yearly  
18 through HUD.

19 For the owner-occupied HVAC System  
20 Project located at 4838 Northcote Avenue,  
21 East Chicago, Indiana 46312, which is  
22 participating in the Emergency Repair  
23 Program, the owner's total project cost is  
24 \$8,225, which will be allocated as follows:  
25 A \$5,000 CDBG grant for home repairs, a

1           \$3,085 CDBG-financed loan to cover the  
2           remaining home repairs and \$140 CDBG grant  
3           for project delivery costs. Therefore, it is  
4           requested of the East Chicago Redevelopment  
5           Commission to approve the funding for this  
6           owner-occupied rehab project.

7           It is recommended the following motion be  
8           made verbatim.

9           PRESIDENT RUSSELL: A motion to approve  
10          federal HUD funds in the amount of \$8,225 for  
11          the emergency HVAC System Project located at  
12          4838 Northcote Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana  
13          46312, which will be allocated as follows: A  
14          \$5,000 CDBG grant for home repairs, a \$3,085  
15          CDBG-financed loan to cover the remaining  
16          home repairs and a \$140 CDBG grant for  
17          project delivery costs and authorize the  
18          Executive Director to execute any related  
19          documents.

20          COMMISSIONER ARTIS: So moved, Randy  
21          Artis.

22          VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Rodger Gates,  
23          second.

24          PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion was made by  
25          Randy Artis, second by Rodger Gates. Any

1           comments or questions?

2           Roll call, please.

3           SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

4           COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Yes.

5           SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

6           COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

7           SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

8           Yes.

9           Rodger Gates?

10          VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

11          PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion carried.

12          We'll go on now to public expression. Is  
13          there any public expression at this time?

14          May we have a motion to adjourn?

15          VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Rodger Gates,  
16          motion to adjourn.

17          COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Second, Randy Artis.

18          PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion was made by  
19          Rodger Gates, second by Randy Artis. Roll  
20          call, please.

21          SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

22          COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Yes.

23          SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

24          COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

25          SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

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Yes.

Rodger Gates?

VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion carried.

Everyone have a safe night and stay healthy.

(MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 5:21 PM.)

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2 COUNTY OF LAKE )

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4 BEFORE THE EAST CHICAGO  
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
5 EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA

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7 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

8 I, KRISTEN K. STOKES, CSR, Notary Public in  
9 and for the County of Lake, State of Indiana, do  
10 hereby certify that I reported in machine shorthand  
11 the foregoing proceedings had in the above-entitled  
12 matter, at the time and place herein set forth; and  
13 I do further certify that the foregoing transcript,  
14 consisting of 29 (twenty-nine) typewritten pages, is  
15 a true and correct transcript of my said  
16 stenographic notes.

17 Signed this 19th day of January, 2022.


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21 KRISTEN K. STOKES  
22 CSR# 084-003723  
23 My Commission Expires: 8/27/23  
24 Notary Public: Lake County, Indiana  
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1 APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
2 OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022  
3 APPROVED & SIGNED TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022  
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6 Christine Russell  
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Rodger Gates  
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