

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Monday, April 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Reporter by Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.

By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Staff Present: Olga Cosme

Call to Order: 9:00 a.m.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Good morning, everyone. I'd like to call to order the Special Meeting of the Board of Public Works for April 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

We have no minutes or correspondence, so we'll move on to New Business. First item is -- all these items are Special Events. First item is Mad Bomber Fireworks Production, and this is a proposal for July 3rd, for the 4th of July celebration. Total cost \$75,000.00. Any questions or comments on the proposal?

MS. GUZMAN: Just to note, the deposit is waived as reflected on the contract, and there are five different locations throughout the City the fireworks will be displayed for our residents to enjoy from their homes.

MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or comments? (None) Entertain a motion to approve Mad Bomber proposal for July 3rd, the July 4th celebration, in the amount of \$75,000.00.

MR. ALLEN: So move.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

1                   Next we have Luis Serrano, d/b/a  
2 Vela LLC, Special Events. We have three contracts with  
3 him for three different entertainment groups. First one  
4 is for Fusic Fest, Yung Fly Entertainment, Jeezy is the  
5 entertainer. This agreement is made for the 11th day of  
6 April between the City of East Chicago and Luis Serrano.  
7 He is the contractor that contracts for the City and in  
8 turn the City pays him 8%.

9                   Just for explanation, the City  
10 cannot advance money and a lot of these musical groups  
11 require advancement. So we hire Mr. Serrano to be  
12 almost like a separate contractor to acquire these acts.

13                   Now for this first group, it's Yung  
14 Fly Entertainment, Jeezy is the group, and City agrees  
15 to pay contractor all sums under the artist contract,  
16 deposit and final payment equally \$100,000 and all  
17 incidental costs expended. The paragraph above it does  
18 mention incidental costs under the artist contract,  
19 which includes back line travel, and other costs and  
20 expenses under the artist contract. The cost was  
21 discussed with the City and agreed to before the  
22 contract for said contractor is reimbursed. I imagine  
23 the Special Events committee discussed these with the  
24 contractor.

25                   MS. GUZMAN: Yes, that is correct. And  
so for Yung Fly Entertainment, Jeezy's performance,  
that's scheduled for August 6th for the Fusic Festival  
at George Park Beach. The contract amount for this  
artist is \$100,000, with deposit, and the booking fee  
amount will be \$8,000.00 for Velva LLC.

                  MR. GOMEZ: Okay. There is a question on  
whether all incidental costs are included in the  
\$100,000.00. So if you can get us that answer for  
later.

                  MS. GUZMAN: I will, and maybe we can  
have the contract attached to this one and I can have  
Natalie forward that to you.

                  MR. GOMEZ: I agree we should have the  
contract or agreement with the artist included with this  
for the confusion on that one.

                  Any other questions or comments on  
the service agreement between Luis Serrano, who is the  
contractor, and in this case is booking Yung Fly  
Entertainment, Jeezy? This is for our August 6th Fusic  
Festival. I will entertain a motion accept.

1 MR. ALLEN: So move.

2 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

3 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

5 Next we have Flash Music Inc., Elvis  
6 Crespo. This is also an agreement with our contract  
agent, service agreement like the previous one, with the  
7 City of East Chicago. Luis Serrano is our contractor to  
hire these groups. This one is with Flash Music Inc.,  
8 and this is with Elvis Crespo. This is also for Fusic  
Festival on August 6th, and as the previous one, agrees  
9 to reimburse contractor all sums paid under the artist  
contract, final payment equaling \$70,000 and all  
10 incidental cost intended as before. Incidental costs  
are the same as the other, back line travel rider and  
11 incidental expenses under the artist contract. In  
addition City shall pay the contractor fee of eight  
12 percent and the artist booking fee for his services.  
Any questions or comments on this agreement?

13 MS. GUZMAN: I'm sorry, did you note the  
amount of the booking fee? That's \$5,000.

14 MR. GOMEZ: The booking fee, that would  
15 be the eight percent. I mentioned eight percent, but I  
didn't mention the amount.

16 Any questions or comments on this  
agent service agreement with Luis Serrano and this  
17 artist contract which is included here?

18 MS. GUZMAN: We'll do the same as before,  
the contract being attached.

19 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on  
20 this agreement with Flash Music Inc., Elvis Crespo?  
(None) Entertain a motion to approve.

21 MR. ALLEN: So move.

22 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

23 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

1 MR. GOMEZ: What kind of music is Elvis  
Crespo?

2 MS. GUZMAN: It's Latin, a nice mix.

3 MR. GOMEZ: The first one, what type of  
4 music for Jeezy?

5 MR. ALLEN: Rap, hip hop.

6 MR. GOMEZ: Okay, in case anybody in the  
audience wants to know.

7 Next agent service agreement with  
8 Mr. Luis Serrano is for our Rhythm and Soul Fest for  
Saturday, June 25th, at Washington Park. The other two  
9 previous ones were going to be at the beach, Lakefront?

10 MS. GUZMAN: Yes. This will be at  
Washington Park.

11 MR. GOMEZ: And this artist contract,  
12 service agreement with the artist contract is for  
\$15,000 plus eight percent booking fee, which equals  
13 \$1200.00. Any questions or comments on this agreement?  
(None) Entertain a motion to approve agency service  
14 agreement with Mr. Luis Serrano, in turn the contract  
for Al Hudson and One Way On Saturday. That's the name  
15 of the group?

16 MS. GUZMAN: Yes.

17 MR. GOMEZ: Al Hudson and One Way On  
Saturday. Any questions on this one? (None) Entertain  
18 a motion to approve.

19 MR. ALLEN: So move.

20 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

21 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.  
Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
22 Opposed: None

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

23 That concludes all the items on the  
agenda for the special meeting of the Board of Public  
Works. We have no other items on the agenda.

24 Our next regular meeting, Thursday,  
April 14, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. Entertain a motion for  
25 adjournment.

1 MR. ALLEN: So move.

2 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

3 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

5 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.  
Meeting adjourned.

6 \*\*\*\* Meeting Adjourned \*\*\*\*

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9 Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of  
April 11, 2022  
10 Approved and Signed April 11, 2022.

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Val Gomez, President

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William Allen, Vice President

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Winna Guzman, member

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Olga Cosme, Secretary

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 13th day of April, 2022.

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Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR