CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Val Gomez, President
Winna Guzman, Vice-President
Frank Rivera, Member

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Olga Cosme, Recording Secretary

Call to Order: 4:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Val Gomez
Winna Guzman

MR. GOMEZ: Good afternoon everyone. I'd like to call to order the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works for April 23rd, 2026. We do have a quorum.

I'd like to make a motion to approve the minutes for the April 9th, 2026 meeting, as written.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.
We have no correspondence, we'll move on to New Business.
As I mentioned, the first item is the bid opening, but we'll return to that. That's suppose to start at 4:30, so we'll come back to that at 4:30.
We'll move on to other proposals on the agenda, Special Events contracts. The first one we have is from Special Events, proposal from Proper Pest Control for mosquito spraying. This is spraying for all movie nights at Tod Park, Washington Park, Koscki Park,

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and Nunez. The other proposal for Special Events is for spraying at Rhythm & Soul Fest, also Fusic Fest. The total for both of these $5,100.00.

Are there any questions or comments on these proposals?

MS. GUZMAN: Yes. I just have a comment to maybe strike out the payment terms, 50 percent due, net 50 percent upon contract signing, remaining balance due net 50 upon completion.

MR. GOMEZ: They're asking for 50 percent ahead of time. Olga, can you strike that out, please. Any other comments?

MS. GUZMAN: No further comments.

MR. GOMEZ: Okay, there being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the two proposals from Proper Pest Control for Special Events with mosquito spraying for movie nights and the special festival events.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we come to, we have two proposals from South Morgan Studios. This would be for the Rhythm & Soul Fest. One is for the Rhythm & Soul Fest sound and light package for $3,974.98. The other one is also for the Rhythm & Soul Fest, the backline package for $3,999.00, for a total of $7,973.99.

Any questions or comments on these proposals from South Morgan Studios?

MS. GUZMAN: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving South Morgan Studios two proposals for Special Events for our Rhythm & Soul Fest.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we go to three contracts with Vela LLC. These are agent service agreements. As we note from the past years, we hire Luis Serrano, d/b/a Vela LLC, to get acts for us. Because the State doesn't allow us to pay in advance, he'll negotiate the acts and we reimburse him at a rate of ten percent. So the first one, we have a Service Agreement dated April 23rd, 2026, between the City of East Chicago acting by and through the Board of Public Works and Luis Serrano, Lexis Hall, d/b/a Vela LLC, hereafter called the "Contractor".

Whereas, the Contractor acknowledged that it is required in booking and arranging the headline entertainment for the Rhythm & Soul Fest, Saturday, June 20, 2026, at Washington Park, "The Event". This is for local bands and artists for "The Event". And the payment for the artist will be $9,000.00. Mr. Vela will be paid ten percent, which will be $900.00 and a grand total of $9,900.00 for this event.

Any questions or comments on this one?

MS. GUZMAN: None.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the Vela LLC contract for Rhythm & Soul Fest for $9,900.00.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next one is also from Special Events with Vela LLC, exactly the same terms. The act for this one is a service agreement for Rhythm & Soul Fest with Evelyn Champagne King, through Jones Management. The amount for the act is for $35,500.00, plus Mr. Vela's fee of ten percent, for total amount of $39,050.00. And this also is for the Rhythm & Soul Fest on June 20th at Washington Park.

Just to note the information, the last one from the City came from the CEDIT account and contractual. Any comments or questions from the one for Evelyn Champagne King?

MS. GUZMAN: No.

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MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the proposal for service agreement with Luis Serrano and the Rhythm & Soul Fest for Evelyn Champagne King in the amount of $39,050.00.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have, this is the third one for Luis Serrano for booking entertainment for the Fusic Fest on Saturday, August 1st, and it is for, I believe, four acts. It's for the Maze Band, Case Band, The Whispers, and KeKe Wyatt and this is through Jones Management. Mr. Serrano pays for their services in advance. The cost for these four bands at Fusic Fest will equal $203,000.00, with Mr. Serrano's ten percent, the total os $223,300.00.

Any questions or comments?

MS. GUZMAN: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving this agreement between Luis Serrano and this is also Jones Management.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we come to Public Works auction item. We do have a letter from Jaylan Johnson, East Chicago Vehicle Maintenance Manager.

"Attached you will find a description and photos of a 2014 Ford Interceptor Utility SUV #9738 belonging to the East Chicago Marina. The vehicle was used by the Police Department before being passed down to the Marina for us. The vehicle also has cosmetic and mechanical issues and is no longer needed by the City. With around around 15 years of use by the City of East Chicago and approval obtained by the Mayor's office, I ask that the attached vehicle be deemed deemed surplus for auction in the near future."

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He has photos attached. Any other questions or comments on this one?

MS. GUZMAN: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the request from Public Works to declare vehicle #9738 as surplus and for auction.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we come to outstanding invoices. We have eight outstanding invoices. We'll go through each one and make a motion at the end.

First one is from Public Works. It's Greentree Enterprises. We have a late invoice dated 11/18/25 for $50.00; invoice dated 11/24/25 for $2,750.00; invoice dated 12/16/25 for $850.00; grand total of $4,250.00. Explanation: These invoices were not received from vendor after requiring. Public Works finally received invoices by e-mail on April 7, 2026.

Any questions on this one?

MS. GUZMAN: No.

MR. GOMEZ: Next one is from Human Resources. The vendor is Occupational Health. One late invoice dated 6/27/25 for $34.04. Explanation: Invoice was missed during processing.

Any questions or comments?

MS. GUZMAN: None.

MR. GOMEZ: Next one is from Human Resources for Federal Protection Agency. They have 14 late invoices from 1/26 to 4/26, for total of $21,012.71. Explanation: Following invoices are late due to negotiations of contract which remains scrutinized.

Later in the meeting we are going to have the contract and that will explain more why these are late.

Any other questions or comments on this one?

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MS. GUZMAN: Just, if we are going ahead, that will be rectified?

MR. GOMEZ: That will be rectified somehow. I will explain more what happened.

MS. GUZMAN: No further questions.

MR. GOMEZ: Right now we are dealing with the late invoices and they are part of that agreement.

MS. GUZMAN: Okay.

MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Planning Department, late invoice from Fissinger & Associates Ltd. We have three late invoices from 11/6/25, 11/24/25, 12/15/25, for total of $687.00. Explanation: Invoices were never received for payment.

Any questions or comments on that one?

MS. GUZMAN: None.

MR. GOMEZ: Next from the Mayor's Office, Gateway, two late invoices dates 12/12/24 and 8/12/25; total of $87.60. Explanation: Invoices were not processed in previous years and brought to our attention by Gateway.

Any questions on this one?

MS. GUZMAN: None.

MR. GOMEZ: Next we have from the IT Department for Multi Media. The vendor is Lamar. We have five late invoices, 1/4/26, 1/12/26, 1/19/16, 1/25/26, and 2/2/26; for total of $2,480.00. Explanation: These were overlooked by IT Department for approval.

Any questions or comments on this one?

MS. GUZMAN: None.

MR. GOMEZ: Next we have from Engineering Department, the vendor is First Group Engineering. There are four late invoices dated 11/30/25, 1/31/26, 1/31/26, 1/31/26. Explanation: Invoices were received on time but had to be reviewed by the engineer. By the time approval was given, they were late. Services have

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been rendered and invoices should be processed. Any questions or comments?

MS. GUZMAN: No.

MR. GOMEZ: And the final one is from Multi Media. It's from Gateway. Two late invoice dated 1/5/26 and 2/4/26, total of $12.53. These invoices were not sent to the PO/Billing clerk for processing. Any comments or questions on this final one?

MS. GUZMAN: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving for payment the aforementioned eight invoices, outstanding invoices.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries. Okay, now we are close enough to 4:30, I have 4:29, we'll go to our Washington Park splash pad and the Board of Public Works request for the proposal to design the project. This is bids to the City of East Chicago, Indiana, proposal at Washington Park for a splash pad at East Chicago, Indiana, the request for proposal, contract documents, construction schedule, and specifications. This is a design build project. Two copies of the proposal and of qualification are required. It will be received no later than 4:00 p.m. Central Standard time and opened at 4:30 p.m. Central Standard time, on April 23, 2026, in East Chicago Council Chambers at 4525 Indianapolis Boulevard, East Chicago, Indiana. Bid proposals shall be read out loud at that afternoon Board of Public Works meeting. The contracts will be scored and evaluated based upon the proposal and proposal pricing, and will be awarded at a later date. Any bids received later than the above time will be returned unopened. So we have the bids and Scott Pruitt will be opening those.

MR. PRUITT: Scott Pruitt with First Group Engineering. The first proposal is from Hasse Construction, 10 Lincoln Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois

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60409. Proposal, bid bond, qualification statement, and qualification concept drawings enclosed. Bid bonds with this proposal, there's a lot of different alternate items that the Parks Department can review and select.

Brian, am I missing --

HASSE CONSTRUCTION: There should be a second envelope.

MR. PRUITT: I focused on the cover letter and completely missed the second envelope. I apologize for that. We have a total cost estimate of $5,122,676.00.

MS. GUZMAN: Can you, please, repeat that?

MR. PRUITT: $5,122,676.00.

The second proposal is submitted by Raffin Construction Company.

MS. GUZMAN: I'm sorry, what was the name?

MR. PRUITT: Raffin Construction, R-A-F-F-I-N, 744 East 113th Street, Chicago, 60628. We have a cover letter, price, proposal, statement of qualifications, schedule of pay items for a total of $3,866,278.00.

I am returning these to the secretary and then we'll look them over at the Parks Department and take them under consideration.

MR. GOMEZ: Okay, thank you very much.

MS. GUZMAN: Thank you.

MR. GOMEZ: That concludes our bid opening section. We'll resume our regular New Business section of the meeting.

I believe we are on Federal Protection Security. As I mentioned, this is on the invoices we approved. What occurred was at the end of last year, the contract was up in December. When HR Department was considering -- Administration was considering bidding for a different security firm and they were suppose to send things over, there's a section in the proposal or in the contract you have to inform them 90 days of a change in contract, and the 90 days

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starts from the day that you get the letter.

What happened was it was never sent and they stopped paying the monthly invoices. So as of December, we have late invoices from January of this year all the way till now because nothing was paid and nothing was conveyed to them. They were invoicing and per their contract they could have charged us 12 percent, but they didn't.

When I met with our HR Director, she informed me -- I asked, are we in negotiations? Are we going to cancel? She said she had to confer with the Administration. She wished for us to continue payment. I told her first we have to approve invoices. And then I told her to send us the previous contract so we could discuss terms on there.

At the time that the City decides to cancel, they do have to give 90-day advance notice and that can be sent by either party to cancel. And the notice must be sent by certified mail to Federal Protection at the address indicated in the agreement. The 90-day period shall remain in effect from the receipt of this notice.

So I told her, what do you wish to do? Are you going to send it out? She wasn't sure. So I suggested to just sign another contract for another year because we are already in April. She said she would prefer to go by monthly, so that's what we are going to do. The contract says it shall remain for a minimum of one year, which the annual hourly rate and date is included. So we are basically going to continue month by month. They are asking for us to approve the agreement to go on this monthly payment, with not-to-exceed of $85,000.00, which is what we had for the previous year.

So, I don't know if they are contacting Federal Protection Security, but I know they have been invoicing for the late payments, so we are going to take care of that. Once we get that paid off, then we'll see what their response is. They want some of the 90 days, so we'll see. Right now the proposal is to continue the contract with Federal Protection per line item for a yearly agreement signed and will continue going indefinitely, until someone decides whether they want to cancel, on a monthly basis. We'll get HR to approve the PO for the amount to be paid.

Any questions or comments?

MS. GUZMAN: So the annual hourly rate increase of four percent, they are not going to pursue

that?

MR. GOMEZ: We'll continue invoices they sent from January of this year to now and they don't have the increase.

MS. GUZMAN: Okay.

MR. GOMEZ: Now according to the contract they can, so maybe from May they might, but they haven't done it so far.

MS. GUZMAN: Okay.

MR. GOMEZ: No questions or comments?

MS. GUZMAN: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the aforementioned conditions with Federal Protection and our HR Department.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we come -- we have a Professional Service Consulting Agreement. This agreement is retroactive to January 2026, between the City of East Chicago and the Board of Public Works with Anthony Serna. He's the consultant. This is an identical contract we had for Mr. Serna for the past few years. Basically the scope of service is he is managing the Department of Parks and Recreation baseball fields, their operation, which includes Block Stadium, Kenny Lofton, Tod Park baseball field, and Kocski baseball field. He reports to the Park Department and we have our usual terms of the contract. Basically his compensation is provided as the same $25.00 per hour, not-to-exceed 30 hours per week. The other compensation and reimbursement not-to-exceed, which refers to the 30 hours.

The only question I had was the funding comes out of Board of Works contractual. I believe when I make the motion, that the Park Department should also approve this contract because basically we are approving the funding and I think the Park

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Department has to approve a similar action and approve the contract also.

MS. GUZMAN: Okay.

MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or comments?

MS. GUZMAN: No.

MR. GOMEZ: I'd make a motion approving the professional service agreement with Anthony Serna with the Park Department for overseeing the baseball fields at getting $25.00, not-to-exceed 30 hours, conditional that the Park Department also address the proposal for service consulting agreement and their Board approves it.

MS. GUZMAN: I would add one thing, the section not-to-exceed, shall not exceed $55,000.00.

MR. GOMEZ: 55,000?

MS. GUZMAN: $55,000.00 for the total compensation paid to consultant, whichever is greater. Under Section 3, independent contractor status.

MR. GOMEZ: So we'll make the motion, any other questions?

MS. GUZMAN: No.

MR. GOMEZ: The motion will be to approve the Professional Service Consultant Agreement for Anthony Serna with 25 per hour not-to-exceed 30 hours per week and not-to-exceed total amount of $55,000.00.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we come to Resolution 2026-06, transfer of 713 West Chicago Avenue.

"A resolution of the East Chicago Board of Public Works establishing terms and conditions for the transfer of certain property owned by the City of East Chicago, to the East Chicago Department of Redevelopment, which

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property is commonly known as 713 West Chicago Avenue, parcel number 45-03-29-412.002,000-024.

Whereas the City of East Chicago, acting through Board of Public Works, desire to convey and transfer the subject property without monetary conversation to the City of East Chicago Redevelopment.

Therefore be it resolved by the City of East Chicago that it shall convey and transfer, without consideration, the above described real estate, as particularly described in the quitclaim deed to the East Chicago Department of Redevelopment, who shall accept said property acting through its commission.

Be it further resolved that the Redevelopment Commission President once approved by the Commission shall be authorized to receive a deed substantially conforming to the document attached, conveying such property to the East Chicago Department of Redevelopment along with appropriate Sales Disclosure Forms.

I think where I said Redevelopment Commission President, I think that should be Board of Works president.

MS. GUZMAN: Yes, that is true.

MR. GOMEZ: Further resolved, Redevelopment Commission, approved by the Commission, that should be Board of Works president.

MS. GUZMAN: Subject to that correction.

MR. GOMEZ: The Board of Public Works and City of East Chicago, Indiana on this 23rd day of April, 2026.

Any questions or comments on this?

MR. GUZMAN: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving Resolution #2026-06 with conditions that we correct that one sentence replacing Redevelopment Commission with Board of Public Works president.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

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(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we come to Miranda's Concrete and Wall Services proposal from Public Works for parking lot. We have before us, first we have the 2026-2027 concrete/asphalt specifications from the Department of Engineering, where Miranda Concrete signed on to the rate schedule. This is on page 1. And the other conditions are the City's concrete and asphalt specifications. So that's the first thing we are going to approve. There are three things and I'll read them all and then make one motion.

The second one for Miranda, this is for project under concrete, curbs, sidewalk and concrete in front of the Water Department building. This is broken down in three sections. First is 151st Street, which includes 1300-block of 151st Street curb only and 1300-block of 151st, that cost is $3,525. And curb only is $1,762.50. Second part of this agreement is Railroad and 148th Street, sidewalk on Railroad Street would be $7,250.00. The curb only on Railroad and 148th, that section is $750.00.

The third part will be the Water Department building on Chicago Avenue. Concrete in front of Water Department building, that will be for $800.00. The total for the three projections is $14,087.50.

So that's the second part of these agreements with Miranda Concrete.

The third one is the parking lot at Public Works and description is removing existing grass and install eight-inch of stone and compacted. The amount if $42,000.00. That total includes a tally sheet.

There were four companies that submitted proposals. Miranda was the lowest at $42,000.00. R & D was $58,800.00, T & A Concrete was $65,000.00; 360 Degrees was at $100,800.00. So they were the lowest most responsive.

Do you have any questions or comments on these three proposals with Miranda, starting with the first one, the rate schedule. The next one was the concrete proposal. And the last one was the parking lot at Public Works.

MS. GUZMAN: I just have a question with the 2026-2027. Is that through this year and next year? These are specific date of '26-'27.

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MS. COSME: It should be 2026.

MS. GUZMAN: I think that's all. That's all I have.

MR. GOMEZ: Okay. No further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the three proposals from Miranda Concrete.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we come to Martinez Construction. This is for 2026 Washington Square extension wall that goes on Columbus Drive from Grand Boulevard to Parrish Avenue. This is coming from Washington Square. The reason for this, the City is trying to build new units on either corner, so there is a wall there that covers those sections. Martinez Construction, they also have a tally with their quotes or proposal rates. The base rates for Martinez Construction was $89,000.00, they are the lowest most responsive. Miranda's bid was $95,876.00; T & A was $125,300/76. And 360 Degrees is $191,382.00. So Martinez Construction was the lowest most responsive bid at $89,000.00.

Any further questions or comments on this?

MS. GUZMAN: Yes. Does this include painting?

MR. GOMEZ: Pardon me?

MS. GUZMAN: The painting of the wall, because I know that section that existed there is painted. I was just wondering.

MR. GOMEZ: It has here --

MS. GUZMAN: I don't think it is.

MR. GOMEZ: It doesn't mention painting. I don't know. I'm sure if they went on location, they would have to get a match exactly. We could ask them that.

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MS. GUZMAN: That would be maybe something to bring up with the City Engineer. Just a suggestion.

MR. GOMEZ: We want it to match the other one. Any other questions or comments?

MS. GUZMAN: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no other questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion accepting Martinez Construction's proposal for the wall on Columbus Drive, from Grand Boulevard to Parrish Avenue in the amount of $89,000.00.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have from D & M Stripping, thermoplastic markings for Fire Station #2, from the Engineering Department. Their proposal amount is $3,250.00. We do have quotes from Superior Road Stripping for $6,250.00; Road Safe for $7.500.00. D & M Stripping is the lowest at $3,250.00.

Is there any questions or comments on this?

MS. GUZMAN: No.

MR. GOMEZ: Just for the record, Station #2 is on Guthrie.

MS. GUZMAN: No questions.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion to accept the D & M Stripping proposal for thermoplastic markings for fire station #2.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Hammond Fence, guardrail at 3908 Kennedy. This is from the Engineering Department. This is a new guardrail, remove and haul

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away the damaged rail and post. Hammond Fence proposal was for $7,650.00, actually 8,000 and something, but they added ten percent discount, which brought it down to $7,650.00. We do have two other proposals, one from Martinez Construction for 10,000 and C-Tech Company at 10,387. So Hammond Fence Company at $7,650.00 is the lowest most responsive.

Any questions or comments on this one?

MS. GUZMAN: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving Hammond Fence Company's proposal to the Engineering Department for the guardrail at 3908 Kennedy Avenue.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have a proposal from R & D Construction. This is part of our alley project for 2026. R & D's section concerns part of this proposal. Alley patching at 4800-block of Homerlee from Homerlee to Wegg Avenue, $2,420.00; the 4800-block of Northcote to Homerlee at $20,066.00; and the final one is 4800-block of Northcote to Homerlee, which would be $15,352.00; for total of $37,838.00.

Any questions or comments on this?

MS. GUZMAN: None.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving R & D alley project, their proposal in 2026 in the amount of $37,838.00.

MS. GUZMAN: Can I make a suggestion?

MR. GOMEZ: Sure.

MS. GUZMAN: That they put their information on their proposal because we really don't know who this is coming from. There is no information like who it's from.

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MS. COSME: It has the name R & D, the date and signature. This is something the machine puts together and something they already were approved, but I'll tell him.

MS. GUZMAN: Just a suggestion.

MR. GOMEZ: Okay.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.
That brings us to right-of-way applications. We have 18 board of Public Works applications number 26-05396 to 26-05414.
Any questions or comments?

MS. GUZMAN: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion approving the aforementioned Board of Public Works permit applications.
MS. GUZMAN: Second.
MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.
That concludes our New Business. We have no other business.
Our next regular meeting is May 14, 2026, at 4:30.
That concludes all items on the agenda for tonight, I'd like to make a motion for adjournment.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.
Meeting adjourned.

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Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of
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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 29th day of April, 2026.



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