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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 May 4, 2021, scheduled to
15 begin at 5:00 p.m. in the evening.
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APPEARANCES:

Christine Russell, President
Rodger Gates, Vice President
Christopher French, Secretary
Delainah Valdez-Medina, Commissioner
Frank Rivera, Executive Director
Shelice Tolbert, Attorney

and

Members of the Public

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1 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: I'd like to call the
2 meeting to order for the East Chicago
3 Redevelopment Commission, City Hall Council
4 Chambers, 4525 Indianapolis Boulevard,
5 Second Floor, East Chicago, Indiana, May
6 4th, 2021, at approximately 5:00 p.m.

7 Please stand for the Pledge of
8 Allegiance.

9 (PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.)

10 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Roll call, please.

11 SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

12 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Present.

13 SECRETARY FRENCH: Debra Bolanos?

14 COMMISSIONER BOLANOS: Present.

15 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

16 Present.

17 Rodger Gates?

18 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Present.

19 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christine Russell?

20 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Present.

21 I'd like to go on to the approval of the
22 regular meeting minutes from April 20th,
23 2021. May we have a motion?

24 SECRETARY FRENCH: Motion by Christopher
25 French.

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

3 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion was made by
4 Christopher French. Second was by Debra --
5 Delainah Valdez-Medina. Any questions?

6 (NO RESPONSE.)

7 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Roll call, please.

8 SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

9 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

10 SECRETARY FRENCH: Debra Bolanos?

11 COMMISSIONER BOLANOS: Yes.

12 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

13 Yes.

14 Rodger Gates?

15 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

16 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christine Russell?

17 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion
18 carried.

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Good
20 evening, Commissioners, Mrs. President,
21 Mr. Vice President, Secretary and also the
22 esteemed Shelice Tolbert, good evening.
23 We'll now turn our attention over to the
24 approval of the dockets -- and
25 Commissioners. I'm sorry about that.

1 So we'll turn our attention over to the
2 approval of the dockets, and so we are on
3 the first docket, which is the City of East
4 Chicago Accounts Payable Warrant Report,
5 which is dated 4/29/2021. The warrant
6 number is 050421RD in the amount of
7 \$85,898.26. May I have a motion, please.

8 SECRETARY FRENCH: Motion to approve,
9 Christopher French.

10 COMMISSIONER BOLANOS: Second, Debra.

11 SECRETARY FRENCH: I didn't hear who
12 made the first motion.

13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Christopher
14 French.

15 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Thank you. Motion
16 was made by Christopher French, second by
17 Debra Bolanos. Any questions?

18 (NO RESPONSE.)

19 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Roll call, please.

20 SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

21 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

22 SECRETARY FRENCH: Debra Bolanos?

23 COMMISSIONER BOLANOS: Yes.

24 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

25 Yes.

1 Rodger Gates?

2 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

3 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christine Russell?

4 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion
5 carried.

6 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Thank you,
7 Commissioners.

8 We turn to the second approval of the
9 docket, and that is the City of East
10 Chicago's Accounts Payable Warrant Report
11 that is dated 4/29/2021. The warrant number
12 is 050421RC in the total amount of
13 \$484,512.85. If I can have a motion,
14 please.

15 SECRETARY FRENCH: Motion to approve by
16 Christopher French.

17 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Rodger Gates
18 seconds.

19 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion was made by
20 Christopher French, second by Rodger Gates.
21 Any questions?

22 (NO RESPONSE.)

23 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Roll call, please.

24 SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

25 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

1 SECRETARY FRENCH: Debra Bolanos?

2 COMMISSIONER BOLANOS: Yes.

3 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

4 Yes.

5 Rodger Gates?

6 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

7 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christine Russell?

8 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion

9 carried.

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Thank you,
11 Commissioners.

12 We go to the Harborside Apartments, RMC
13 Harborside Aging Report Payroll, and it's
14 coming from the Harborside Apartments Vendor
15 Aging Report and is based on the billing
16 date of 4/29/2021 with a total amount of
17 \$54,342.29. If I can have a motion.

18 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA:

19 Valdez-Medina, motion for approval.

20 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Rodger Gates,
21 second.

22 COMMISSIONER BOLANOS: Second, Debra.

23 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion was made by
24 Delainah Valdez-Medina, second by Rodger
25 Gates. Any questions?

1 (NO RESPONSE.)

2 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Roll call, please.

3 SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

4 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

5 SECRETARY FRENCH: Debra Bolanos?

6 COMMISSIONER BOLANOS: Yes.

7 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

8 Yes.

9 Rodger Gates?

10 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

11 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christine Russell?

12 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion
13 carried.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Thank you,
15 Commissioners.

16 We now turn our attention to the action
17 item to approve payment to the U.S.
18 Department of Housing and Urban Development.
19 The East Chicago Department of Redevelopment
20 is required to return funds to HUD for
21 uncashed payments to recipients.

22 A check sent from the East Chicago
23 Department of Redevelopment to the Northwest
24 Indiana Reinvestment Alliance was never
25 cashed. Therefore, those funds must be

1 returned to HUD. The amount of the check is
2 \$1,250. The funds are currently in Account
3 No. 0231-396000, REFUNDS on the general
4 ledger.

5 Action is recommended to approve
6 returning the funds to HUD as required and
7 to authorize the Executive Director to sign
8 the necessary documents. It is recommended
9 that the following motion be adopted
10 verbatim.

11 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion to approve
12 payment of \$1,250 to the U.S. Department of
13 Housing and Urban Development as a refund
14 from the uncashed check payable to N.W.
15 Indiana Reinvestment Alliance and to
16 authorize the Executive Director to sign the
17 necessary documents.

18 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Valdez-Medina,
19 motion for approval.

20 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Rodger Gates,
21 second.

22 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion was made by
23 Delainah Valdez-Medina, second by Rodger
24 Gates. Any questions?

25 (NO RESPONSE.)

1 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Roll call, please.

2 SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

3 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

4 SECRETARY FRENCH: Debra Bolanos?

5 COMMISSIONER BOLANOS: Yes.

6 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

7 Yes.

8 Rodger Gates?

9 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

10 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christine Russell?

11 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion

12 carried.

13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Thank you,
14 Commissioners. Now we turn our attention to
15 approvals that I'm looking for in terms of
16 U.S. Department of Housing HUD funds, one
17 for lead-based paint and the other one for
18 roofing systems.

19 We'll start off with the lead-based
20 paint first. The action item is to approve
21 federal HUD funds for the Lead-Based Paint
22 Hazardous Reduction Project located at 4122
23 Baring Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana 46312.

24 The Department of Redevelopment on,
25 behalf of the City of East Chicago, receives

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

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

20 For the owner-occupied Lead-Based Paint
21 Hazardous Reduction Project located at 4122
22 Baring Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana 46312,
23 which is participating in the Residential
24 Repair Program, the owner's total project
25 cost is \$14,740, which will be allocated as

1 follows: A \$14,740 CDBG grant for
2 lead-based paint hazard reduction.

3 Therefore, it is requested of the East
4 Chicago Redevelopment Commission to approve
5 the funding for this owner-occupied
6 lead-based paint hazard reduction project.
7 It is recommended that the following motion
8 be made verbatim.

9 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: A motion to approve
10 federal HUD funds in the amount of \$14,740
11 for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction
12 Project located at 4122 Baring Avenue, East
13 Chicago, Indiana 46312, which will be
14 allocated as follows: A \$14,740 CDBG grant
15 for lead-based paint hazard reduction work,
16 and authorize the Executive Director to
17 execute any related documents.

18 SECRETARY FRENCH: Motion to approve by
19 Christopher French.

20 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Second,
21 Valdez-Medina.

22 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion was made by
23 Christopher French, second by Delainah
24 Valdez-Medina. Any questions?

25 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: I did.

2 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Okay. Go ahead.

3 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Did you read the
4 amount of money properly? Maybe I missed
5 something earlier? Did you say \$14,000?

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: I said
7 \$14,740.

8 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Okay. \$14,740.
9 Okay. I'm sorry. Thank you.

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Not a
11 problem.

12 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Uh-huh. Any other
13 questions?

14 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: No.

15 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Roll call, please.

16 SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

17 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

18 SECRETARY FRENCH: Debra Bolanos?

19 COMMISSIONER BOLANOS: Yes.

20 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

21 Yes.

22 Rodger Gates?

23 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

24 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christine Russell?

25 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion

1 carried.

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Thank you,
3 Commissioners.

4 We turn our attention to the last action
5 time to approve federal HUD found for the
6 Roofing System Project located at 1218
7 Beacon Street, East Chicago, Indiana 46312.

8 For the owner-occupied Roofing Systems
9 Project located at 1218 Beacon Street, East
10 Chicago, Indiana 46312, which is
11 participating in the Residential Repair
12 Program, the owner's total project cost is
13 \$15,890, which will be allocated as follows:
14 A \$15,000 CDBG grant for home repairs, a
15 \$750 CDBG-financed loan to cover the
16 remaining home repairs, and \$140 CDBG grant
17 for project delivery costs.

18 Therefore, it is requested of the East
19 Chicago Redevelopment Commission to approve
20 the funding for this owner-occupied rehab
21 project. It is recommended that the
22 following motion be made verbatim.

23 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: A motion to approve
24 federal HUD funds in the amount of \$15,890
25 for the Roofing Systems Project located at

1 1218 Beacon Street, East Chicago, Indiana
2 46312, which will be allocated as follows:
3 A \$15,000 CDBG grant for home repairs, a
4 \$750 CDBG-financed loan to cover the
5 remaining home repairs and \$140 CDBG grant
6 for project delivery costs, and authorize
7 the Executive Director to execute any
8 related documents.

9 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Valdez-Medina,
10 motion for approval.

11 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Rodger Gates,
12 second.

13 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion was made by
14 Delainah Valdez-Medina, second by Rodger
15 Gates. Any questions?

16 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: I do have a
17 question, Christine, if you don't mind me
18 asking right now.

19 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: No. Sure.

20 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Thanks.

21 Frank, if you can, how is this pandemic
22 affecting this program, or is it at all?

23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: It's still
24 affecting it to some degree. The only
25 effect that I see is basically the paperwork

1 coming back and forth between us and the
2 client. If they have email, no problem. If
3 they don't, then they've got to address it
4 up here in terms of sending us their
5 paperwork through the mail, and then we get
6 it from there. Other than that, we're
7 moving forward.

8 But I don't think this is so much of a
9 pandemic issue. I think right now our
10 dollars are being very limited because we
11 still have to go through the Common Council
12 for appropriation. Once we get the
13 appropriation, it may take -- depending on
14 which reading, if it goes to the first or
15 the second or the third. Each time it goes
16 to the first or the second, that's almost
17 two weeks apart, so then you've got two,
18 four weeks. And if it goes to the third, it
19 takes six weeks.

20 And then once that gets approved, it has
21 to go to the controller's office, and then
22 everybody's got to sign, from the Mayor to
23 the Common Council people, and then it goes
24 to what they call the Gateway System. It's
25 a system that the State requires all the

1 City's municipalities to address their
2 budgets there. So then that way, when it
3 comes back to us in the controller's office,
4 we can put in what's called --

5 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Has
6 there -- I don't know, but has there been
7 issues with residents being upset regarding
8 this program, or you know, how long are they
9 having to wait?

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: It depends
11 because I've been getting the calls. A guy
12 called me on one of those properties over
13 there on Sunnyside. Sunnyside and any one
14 of these programs can take some time, and
15 the reason for that is because before my
16 tenureship, they opened Pandora's box, and
17 when they opened Pandora's box, they put
18 everybody into the system no matter who they
19 were. And that meant if you spent a dollar,
20 that person has to be in the system, and
21 that's what they did. I kept getting title
22 after title after title, and many of these
23 people weren't even eligible for the
24 program.

25 So now what I've done -- and that's

1 about 200 people, and now it's about 40, but
2 because of the pandemic, like you were
3 saying, what ended up happening is a lot of
4 the vendors weren't going to go out there
5 and deal with anyone's property, nor did
6 the property owner's want to deal with
7 contractors coming into the home or giving
8 any kind of access.

9 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yeah.

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: So it could
11 be 3, 4 years. I've had clients who have
12 had -- I've went inside of their duplex, for
13 instance, where the homeowner is just the
14 homeowner, and the other one is a renter.
15 We don't do rentals. We only do homeowners.
16 Now, we can have two homeowners, but I'm not
17 going to require them to come in every six
18 months to redo all their paperwork. That's
19 redundant, and that's a complication in
20 itself for that person to have to go over
21 and over because every 6 months it's got to
22 be updated.

23 So once they get through the channels in
24 terms of who we're working with, then they
25 can keep going up the ladder. And as they

1 go up the ladder, then we ask them, this is
2 the paperwork we need, until they get to
3 that level. So it can take 3 to 4 years.
4 It can take some time.

5 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: I see.

6 Thank you.

7 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Any other questions?

8 (NO RESPONSE.)

9 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Roll call, please.

10 SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

11 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

12 SECRETARY FRENCH: Debra Bolanos?

13 COMMISSIONER BOLANOS: Yes.

14 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

15 Yes.

16 Rodger Gates?

17 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

18 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christine Russell?

19 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion

20 carried.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Thank you,
22 Commissioners. We now turn our attention to
23 informational. And I'll start off with the
24 first one for 4020 McCook Avenue. I do need
25 for us to set the value at \$5,000 for this

1 particular venue. So if you guys don't
2 mind, I'd like to set that for \$5,000.
3 That's what our appraisals say.

4 ATTORNEY TOLBERT: Frank, right now you
5 have this under "Informational." Are you
6 asking for an action on this?

7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Well, it
8 should've been under "To Set" -- it should
9 have been under "Set Value." Okay. Because
10 I don't know -- I can't remember if we set a
11 value before for this because this property
12 is worth \$5,000, and I need to do this. And
13 the only reason I'm saying that, Shelice, is
14 because automatically somebody sent in an
15 inquiry and put in there \$120 -- I mean
16 \$200. And so I have to take care of this
17 and say, no, we're not selling this property
18 for \$200. I didn't get to set the value.

19 ATTORNEY TOLBERT: So these are
20 properties that have not had the value set
21 on them before through any other actions?

22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Just that
23 one. The rest of them have set values, and
24 I'm reporting on those other ones. They
25 should have been informational. Although I

1 should have had an action item to set value
2 on this one. We'll do it at the next
3 meeting. It's just going to take some more
4 time.

5 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Can we
6 amend the agenda?

7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: No, it
8 should have been in there in the beginning.
9 What I'll do is, let's just take this one
10 and move it to the next meeting, and we'll
11 set the value with an action item. All
12 right, Shelice?

13 ATTORNEY TOLBERT: Okay. Just send me
14 the ones that you need then. So as far as
15 this goes today then, it's kind of
16 informational that we'll be looking forward
17 to at the next meeting to set values for
18 them because of the requests that you are
19 getting.

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Exactly.
21 Thank you for putting that in an eloquent
22 way.

23 ATTORNEY TOLBERT: Okay.

24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Thank you.
25 Okay. So we'll turn our attention to

1 4825 Ivy Street. Right now we need to set a
2 value for that, but we're holding on that
3 one. We want to do a few repairs there,
4 cleaning and some other things on top of the
5 roof, so that way then we're going to sell
6 it as is. Okay. But I'm just putting it on
7 hold. I wanted everyone to know.

8 Okay. Now for 3603 and 3607 Ivy Street,
9 the appraised values for those, and when we
10 set them, we set them at \$5,000 each. And
11 if you recall, the first time I didn't make
12 the recommendation for us to approve it. It
13 was too low. And right now they're offering
14 \$2,500 for each property, and I'm making the
15 recommendation that we don't accept this,
16 that we're looking to see if there's -- we
17 can get more dollars out of that.

18 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Uh-huh.

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Okay. As
20 for 535 West Columbus Drive, we set the
21 value some time ago at \$1,200. The offer
22 was \$140, so I'm making the recommendation
23 that we don't take that either.

24 Now, just for your own knowledge, if at
25 any time there are some places in which we

1 do sell a lot or whatever be the case, there
2 might be some requirement, for instance, a
3 fence be put around it, or if not, to put a
4 layer of -- what do you call it? Asphalt in
5 case they want to use it as a parking and
6 that kind of stuff.

7 So just to let you know, that a lot of
8 times there might be properties like this
9 that there will be other additional
10 requirements, and I'll let you know what the
11 requirements are.

12 This one in particular we're going to
13 have to ask them to put asphalt before they
14 purchase this -- or when they purchase it,
15 they've got to have it on there. In fact,
16 we are putting that on many of our purchase
17 agreements stipulated because a lot of times
18 people will get a property and they don't do
19 nothing with it.

20 I've got one on Burr Street, sold it to
21 them two years ago, and all they did was lay
22 some bricks up on a pallet and didn't do
23 nothing with it. There's no build-out or
24 anything on it. So it looks like we're
25 going to repossess that because, you know,

1 of the building code issue. Okay. That's
2 just a couple examples.

3 3901 Grand Boulevard. We sold that at
4 \$5,000. That would be the amount that we
5 set the value for. So the properties are --
6 they're prime. They're becoming prime every
7 day. As a matter of fact, I can't keep up
8 with them, the whole idea of selling homes.
9 They're going fast. Every time I turn
10 around there's a house up for sale. Boom,
11 it's gone.

12 Just to let you know, we're doing a good
13 job all the way around on everything that
14 we're doing here in the Department of
15 Redevelopment. And as Commissioners, I
16 commend all of you. We're doing really
17 well. And that's it for me.

18 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Any questions from
19 anyone?

20 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Nope.

21 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Public expression?

22 (NO RESPONSE.)

23 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion to adjourn?

24 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: So moved --

25 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Second.

1 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: -- Rodger Gates.

2 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Delainah, did you
3 second it?

4 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes, sorry.
5 Second, Valdez-Medina.

6 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Oh, that's okay.
7 Motion by Rodger Gates, second by Delainah
8 Valdez-Medina. Motion carried -- I mean
9 roll call, please.

10 SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

11 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

12 SECRETARY FRENCH: Debra Bolanos?

13 COMMISSIONER BOLANOS: Yes.

14 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?
15 Yes.

16 Rodger Gates?

17 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

18 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christine Russell?

19 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion
20 carried. Thank you, everybody.

21 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Good night.

22 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Good night.

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24 (MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 5:22 PM.)

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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 28 (twenty-eight) typewritten pages,
15 is a true and correct transcript of my said
16 stenographic notes.

17 Signed this 7th day of May, 2021.

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APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021
APPROVED & SIGNED TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021

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