

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

Val Gomez, President  
William Allen, Vice-President  
Winna Guzman, Member  
Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Reporter by Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.

By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Staff Present: Richard Morrisroe  
Olga Cosme

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Val Gomez and William Allen

MR. GOMEZ: Good afternoon everyone. I'd like to call to order the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works for May 26, 2022. We do have a quorum.

We have the minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2022. I would make a motion to approve as written.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

We have no correspondence, we'll move on new business. Bid opening for East Calumet Resurfacing Project from Engineering.

MR. ALLEN: First bid, FH Paschen FH Paschen Nielsen & Associates LLC, located at 2146 North Karwick Road, Suite D, Michigan City, Indiana. So we have sum figure of \$2,193,342.32, and I don't think we have an award criteria figure number because we are using some type of funds on-the-job.

The next bid that we have is from Rieth-Riley Construction Company, located at 7500 West 5th Avenue, Gary, Indiana. I think I missed something in the other bid, so we'll go back to that after this. Okay, so the number that I gave you for the first bid, that was for Tables 1 through 10, and

1 that was summed up together. We also have Tables 11  
2 through 20. So I am going to just finish reading  
3 off this one and then I have to go back and tell you  
4 what 11 through -- Tables 11 through 20 summed up  
5 is.

6 So, for Rieth-Riley though, the  
7 alternate bids, Tables 11 through 20 summed together  
8 is \$94,336.88. Do we have anybody from Rieth-Riley  
9 here? Is there a sum value for Tables 1 through 10?

RIETH-RILEY REP: Yes.

MR. ALLEN: That's \$1,618,341.70.

MR. GOMEZ: That's for 1 through 10?

MR. ALLEN: That's for 1 through 10. And  
then let me go back to Paschen. So I gave you the  
total bid amount for Tables 1 through 10, which is  
\$2,193,342.32. And then for Tables 11 through 20  
the amount is \$107,715.00.

And lastly we have from Milestone  
Contractors North Inc., located at 1700 East Main  
Street, Griffith, Indiana. Tables 1 through 10 is  
\$1,506,503.30. For alternated Tables 11 through 20  
is \$76,980.00.

The Engineering Department will  
review the bids and hopefully we can have a  
recommendation for the next meeting, but this will  
allow us time to review, call up the contractors and  
have them answer any questions that we have before  
we make a decision.

MR. GOMEZ: Okay. Move on, our next item  
on the agenda is from Greats Landscape, Planter Pots  
proposal for Public Works. These are the pots for  
Chicago Avenue, Columbus Drive, Indianapolis  
Boulevard for Summer, Fall, and Winter. The amount  
for Summer is \$7,004.80. Fall is \$4,620.00. Winter  
\$3,800.80. The total is \$15,980.00. Any questions  
or comments?

MR. ALLEN: None.

MR. GOMEZ: No further questions or  
comments, I would make a motion we approve Great  
Lakes Landscape proposal for Public Works in the  
amount of \$15,980.80.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

Opposed: None

1 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

2 Next we have also for Public Works a  
3 proposal from Best Care, for preventative  
4 maintenance program, total services of \$11,064.00.  
5 These maintenance programs, for which vehicles --  
6 what are they for?

7 MR. ROBINSON: This is for light end  
8 loader for the remainder of the year, 2022.

9 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments  
10 from Public Works?

11 MR. ALLEN: No.

12 MR. GOMEZ: No further questions or  
13 comments, I'd like to make a motion to approve Best  
14 Care programs for Public Works, total amount of  
15 \$1,164.00.

16 MR. ALLEN: Second.

17 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.  
18 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
19 Opposed: None

20 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

21 Next we have Public Works, Macco  
22 proposals. There are three of them. We have  
23 proposal for 2016 Ford Explorer utility police  
24 Interceptor, and this proposal is for \$7,392.12.  
25 There's a proposal for 2015 Ford Explorer utility  
26 police Interceptor, and this proposal is for  
27 \$4,097.14. And proposal for 2019 Ford police  
28 Interceptor Utility Vehicle, for \$7,510.38. Public  
29 Works is also asking for us to make the  
30 not-to-exceed amount \$1500.00 over the total cost  
31 for each year.

32 MR. ROBINSON: There could be more damage  
33 once they tear down that possibly can be found in  
34 the vehicle, other damage.

35 MR. GOMEZ: For the price I mentioned for  
36 each one we'll add \$1500.00 not-to-exceed amount?

37 MR. ROBINSON: Yes.

38 MR. GOMEZ: Are there any questions or  
39 comments on these three proposals from Macco?

1 MR. ALLEN: No.

2 MR. GOMEZ: No further questions or  
3 comments, I'd like to make a motion that we accept  
4 the proposals from Macco for these three vehicles,  
with the addition of the \$1500.00 not-to-exceed  
amount for each vehicle.

5 MR. ALLEN: Second.

6 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.  
Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
7 Opposed: None

8 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

9 Next we have Verizon Connect, GPS  
10 upgrade. We have two proposals, one is for tracking  
11 subscriptions at \$12.95 per unit fee, for total of  
\$196.25 a month. And then we have a similar  
12 quantity for power assist tracking subscription for  
\$10.95, total of \$219.00 monthly, and then tracking  
13 subscription of \$17.45 monthly fee per unit, total  
of \$4,060.85. Any questions or comments on these  
two proposals?

13 MR. ALLEN: No.

14 MR. GOMEZ: There being no further  
15 questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion we  
16 accept the first proposal amount, which is a total  
monthly \$194.24; second one is for total monthly of  
\$4,284.85.

17 MR. ALLEN: Second.

18 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.  
Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
19 Opposed: None

20 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

21 Next we have from Steel City Tire,  
service rates for 2022. Any questions or comments  
22 on the service rates?

22 MR. ALLEN: None.

23 MR. GOMEZ: These include normal service  
24 hours. There being no further questions or  
25 comments, I'd like to make a motion that we accept  
Steel City Tire service rates for 2022.

1 MR. ALLEN: Second.

2 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

4 Next is a similar proposal from Rush  
Truck Centers. We have their service rates for  
5 2022. Any questions or comments on this these rate  
6 proposals?

MR. ALLEN: No

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8 MR. GOMEZ: There being no further  
questions or comments, I'd make a motion we accept  
service rates from Steel City Tire Service for 2022.

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10 MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

13 We move on to outstanding invoices.  
First one is from Gateway Business for Public Works.  
14 We have two late invoices, one dated 1-19-22 and the  
second one is dated 2-22-22, for total of \$145.12.  
Reason explained, invoicing were missed by Public  
15 Works office, but services were provided.

Any questions or comments?

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17 MR. ALLEN: None.

18 MR. GOMEZ: I'd make a motion we accept  
the payment to Gateway Business for the past due  
19 invoice in the amount of \$145.12.

20 MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

23 Also late invoice, Cintas for Public  
Works. We have three late invoices, they are all  
24 dated 2-21-2022 and they total \$904.35.  
Explanation, invoicing were not delivered directly  
25 for interoffice to Public Works. The invoices were  
also signed by a Cintas rep and not by any office

1 personnel. Therefore invoices never received on  
2 time, but services were provided.

Any questions or comments?

3 MR. ALLEN: No.

4 MR. GOMEZ: No questions or comments, I'd  
5 like to make a motion we accept Cintas past due  
6 invoice payment of \$145.12.

7 MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

10 Next we have Amereco. We have a  
11 letter from Building Department to accept the  
12 proposal of Amereco to conduct pre-demolition  
13 asbestos inspection for a not-to-exceed amount of  
14 \$5,710.00.

15 MR. ALLEN: This is for the property at  
16 3300 Aldis Avenue.

17 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or  
18 comments on this proposal?

19 MR. ALLEN: No.

20 MR. GOMEZ: I'd like to make a motion we  
21 accept the proposal submitted by Amereco for the  
22 asbestos inspection, amount not-to-exceed \$5,710.00,  
23 for 3300 Aldis Avenue.

24 MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Then we have request for approval of  
Change Order submitted by Amereco. There's no  
change in the contract sum, only in scope of work,  
which now is removal of the concrete foundation,  
pipe, backfill and disposal. Original PO was in the  
amount of \$15,025, which included the UST site  
evaluation report. So there is no change in the  
amount. There is a change order.

1 MR. ALLEN: Or the location of the job  
too still stays the same.

2 MR. GOMEZ: Just the scope of work then,  
3 that changes. Any other questions or comments?

4 MR. ALLEN: No.

5 MR. GOMEZ: There being no further  
6 questions or comments, I make a motion we accept the  
7 change order submitted by Amereco in which there is  
no change for the price and this is for project at  
4018 Indianapolis Boulevard. I'd like to make a  
8 motion we approve this proposal by Amereco.

9 MR. ALLEN: Second.

10 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

11 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

12 Next we have change order submitted  
13 by Richardson disposal of \$1,135 due to price  
increase of material and service. The original  
14 document from Richardson was asking the building  
commissioner to explain the change for the request.  
15 So basically change in materials and the pricing of  
materials and services in the amount of \$1,135.00,  
16 which happened to be exactly ten percent. Any  
questions or comments?

17 MR. ALLEN: No.

18 MR. GOMEZ: No further questions or  
19 comments, I'd like to make a motion we approve  
change order submitted to the Building Department by  
Richardson Disposal, and this is for 201 Franklin  
20 Street. And the net increase in the change order  
would be \$1,135 and this is change orders number one  
for this project.

21 MR. ALLEN: Second.

22 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

24 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

25 Next we have -- this is from our IT  
Department for Gateway Business, time and material

rates schedule. We do have a letter from our IT

1 director, Kevin Klocek, asking the Board to approve  
2 the rate schedule for Gateway. Their services can  
3 be requested for any Konica printer throughout the  
4 city that could possibly be repaired when printing  
5 troubles occur and it has the rate schedule for  
6 printer, copiers and support. Any questions or  
7 comments on this rate schedule?

8 MR. ALLEN: None.

9 MR. GOMEZ: There being no further  
10 questions or comments, I'd like to make the motion  
11 to approve Gateway Business System schedule for  
12 2022.

13 MR. ALLEN: Second.

14 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.  
15 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
16 Opposed: None

17 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.  
18 Next we have come to donation  
19 checks. We have donation checks for the police  
20 department from Ameristar in the amount of \$2500.  
21 There is a letter from the police chief, Chief  
22 Rosario. This is a \$2500 donation in support of  
23 community outreach events. These funds are  
24 deposited in the proper account to purchase supplies  
25 for our day with the youth national night out  
against crime. Any questions or comments on this  
donation?

MR. ALLEN: No.

MR. GOMEZ: I'd like to make a motion we  
accept Ameristar's donation to the police department  
in the amount of \$2500.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.  
Now we have donation for Special  
Events from St. Catherine's Hospital, donation of  
\$500 -- I mean \$5,000 -- sorry. It's for the bronze  
level sponsorship. Special Events could use it for  
any events listed on their agenda for this year.



1 any questions or comments on this donation?

2 MR. ALLEN: None.

3 MR. GOMEZ: There being no further  
4 questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion we  
5 accept the donation from St. Catherine's Hospital in  
6 the amount of \$5,000 to our Special Events.

7 MR. ALLEN: Second.

8 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

11 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

12 Move on to Resolution 2022-13,  
13 Extend Professional Services Contract with Carl  
14 Ridle. This is for our compliance officer contract  
15 and a not-to-exceed \$30,000 and he would work within  
16 the city's Department of Planning and Economic  
17 Development. Any questions or comments on the  
18 resolution?

19 MR. ALLEN: No.

20 MR. GOMEZ: No further questions or  
21 comments, I'd like to make a motion we accept  
22 Resolution number 2022-13, extending the  
23 professional service agreement of Carl Ridle as our  
24 compliance officer.

25 MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Resolution 2022-14, Purchase of  
Priority Control Technology and Equipment,  
authorizing the purchase of special purchases  
authorized by IC 5-22-10. Purchases described in  
attached documents. Any questions or comments on  
the Resolution 2022-14?

MR. ALLEN: I would just add that the  
Council also approved the additional appropriations  
for this project as well. It includes the purchase  
of the equipment, as well as the installation of it.

1 MR. GOMEZ: No other questions or  
2 comments, I'd like to make a motion we accept  
3 Resolution number 2022-14 in the amount of  
4 \$974,844.00 total.

5 MR. ALLEN: Second.

6 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.  
7 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
8 Opposed: None

9 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.  
10 Resolution 2022-15, City Wide  
11 Striping Package, authorizing the purchase of City  
12 Wide Striping package using a special purchasing  
13 methods authorized by IC 5-22-10. Attached proposal  
14 was accepted and approved, and the Engineering  
15 Department is authorized to acquire a contract for  
16 the services of applying the striping for total of  
17 \$760,716.16. This is with Perma Seal Asphalt and  
18 Maintenance. Any questions or comments on  
19 Resolution 2022-15?

20 MR. ALLEN: None.

21 MR. GOMEZ: There being no further  
22 questions or comments, I make a motion we accept  
23 Resolution number 2022-15.

24 MR. ALLEN: Second.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.  
We come to Resolution 2022-16,  
Repairs for East Chicago Academy for Visual and  
Performing Arts. Need quotes from at least three  
persons known to deal in the class of work proposed  
to be done in conformance with plans and  
specifications prepared by the Public Works  
Department. Quotes have been received, tabulated by  
the Public Works Department and it's determined that  
the lowest responsible quote is AMG Construction.  
The proposal is attached. Are there any questions  
or comments on this proposal?

MR. ALLEN: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further

1 questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion we  
2 accept Resolution 2022-16.

3 MR. ALLEN: Second.

4 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

7 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

8 Next we have Midwestern Electric.  
9 We have two proposals, two quotes.

10 MR. ALLEN: This is with the Engineering  
11 Department. We have two quotes for electrical  
12 repairs for accidents that happened separately, one  
13 accident occurred April 22nd this year and another  
14 accident happened May 9th, also this year. And for  
15 the April 22nd accident, we have a cost of  
16 \$43,720.00 to replace the wiring, foundation, and  
17 lighting units, which includes the controls on the  
18 reprogramming and all the necessary technology that  
19 was damaged in that accident.

20 The second quote from the accident  
21 that happened May 9th is for \$4,800.00. Again, it's  
22 just additional equipment that got damaged and  
23 that's the cost to replace it. So this is just the  
24 sculpture lighting, the pole that also has the  
25 camera that televised the whole intersection or  
roundabout and the roads leading up to it, as well  
as the controls for lighting the whole area.

MR. GOMEZ: Did they televise the  
accident?

MR. ALLEN: Right before the pole got  
hit.

MR. GOMEZ: Any other comments or  
questions?

MR. ALLEN: No.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further  
comments or questions, I'd like to make a motion we  
approve two proposals for Midwestern Electric, first  
one in the amount of \$43,720.00, Columbus camera  
structure lighting. And the second one for Columbus  
Drive roundabout, sculpture lighting for \$4,800.00.

1 MR. ALLEN: Second.

2 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

4 Next is Hasse Construction, change  
order 3 for Homerlee Construction project.

5 MR. ALLEN: This is a cost increase for  
6 asphalt material to have it brought to the site.  
This project was bid out early 2021 and so we are  
7 getting around to the asphalt, so naturally as time  
progresses, generally the cost of the material and  
8 labor goes up. So this is a result of that,  
\$2,996.36 is what is being requested additional to  
9 the original contract amount.

10 MR. GOMEZ: Any other comments?

11 MR. ALLEN: No

12 MR. GOMEZ: There being no other  
comments, I'd like to make a motion we approve  
13 Change Order number 3 as recommended by Robinson  
Engineering to be implemented by Hasse Construction  
14 for the Homerlee Construction project in the amount  
of \$2,996.36.

15 MR. ALLEN: Second.

16 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

18 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

19 Next, right of way applications. We  
have numbers 22-04198 through 22-04225. Any  
20 questions or comments on these?

21 MR. ALLEN: None

22 MR. GOMEZ: There being no further  
questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion for  
23 approval of aforementioned Board of Public Works  
permit applications.

24 MR. ALLEN: Second.

25 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

2 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

3 We have no other business before us.  
Our next regular meeting will be Thursday, June 9th,  
4 at 4:30 p.m.. That concludes our business for  
tonight.

5 I'd like to make a motion for  
adjournment.

6 MR. ALLEN: Second.

7 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

9 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

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Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of  
May 26, 2022  
Approved and Signed May 26, 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

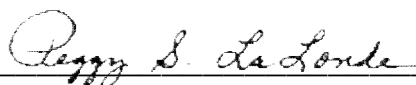
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C E R T I F I C A T E

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 1st day of June, 2022.



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR



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