

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

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*REGULAR MEETING*  
*July 5, 2022*

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2 COUNTY OF LAKE ) SS:  
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5 BEFORE THE EAST CHICAGO  
6 REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
7 EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA

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 July 5, 2022, scheduled  
15 to begin at 5:00 p.m. in the evening.

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APPEARANCES (IN PERSON):

- Rodger Gates, Board Vice President
- Christopher French, Board Secretary
- Randall Artis, Board Commissioner
- Frank Rivera, Executive Director
- Thomas Mesich, Financial Advisor

APPEARANCES (VIA ZOOM):

- Christine Russell, President
- Delainah Valdez-Medina, Board Commissioner
- Shelice Tolbert, Attorney

and

Members of the Public

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

8           Please stand for the Pledge of the  
9 Allegiance.

10           (PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.)

11           PRESIDENT RUSSELL: 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 Here.

18           Rodger Gates?

19           VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Here.

20           SECRETARY FRENCH: Christine Russell?

21           PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Thank you.

22           Approval of regular meeting minutes from  
23 June 21st, 2022, please.

24           SECRETARY FRENCH: Motion to approve by  
25 Christopher French.

1 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Second, Rodger  
2 Gates.

3 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Who seconded it? I'm  
4 sorry.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Rodger Gates.

6 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Okay. Thank you.

7 Motion was made by Christopher French, second  
8 by Rodger Gates. Any comments or questions?

9 Roll call, please.

10 SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

11 COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Yes.

12 SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

13 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: 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 carried.

20 We'll move on to the approval of the dockets.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Yes. Good

22 evening, Mrs. President, Vice President,

23 Secretary and all the Commissioners,

24 Kristen/Boss Reporters and our esteemed

25 Shelice Tolbert, our attorney. Good evening.

1 This should be a short meeting, hopefully.

2 So we'll start off with the dockets, and  
3 the first docket we got and the only docket  
4 we have is the City of East Chicago accounts  
5 payable warrant report. It's dated  
6 7/01/2022, and that particular warrant number  
7 is 070522RD in the amount of \$32,592.93. If  
8 I could have a motion.

9 SECRETARY FRENCH: Motion to approve by  
10 Christopher French.

11 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Rodger Gates,  
12 second.

13 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion was made by  
14 Christopher French, second by Rodger Gates.  
15 Any comments or questions?

16 Roll call, please.

17 SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

18 COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Yes.

19 SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

20 COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

21 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

22 Yes.

23 Rodger Gates?

24 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

25 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christine Russell?

1 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion carried.

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Thank you.

3 Now we'll turn our attention over to the  
4 Harborside Apartments Vendor Aging Report,  
5 and this is based on the billing date as of  
6 6/30/2022, and the total amount for the  
7 Harborside Apartments Vendor Aging Report is  
8 \$82,493.52. If I could have a motion,  
9 please.

10 COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Randy Artis, so  
11 moved.

12 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Rodger Gates,  
13 second.

14 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion was made by  
15 Randy Artis, second by Rodger Gates. Any  
16 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 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christine Russell?

2 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion carried.

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIVERA: Thank you.

4 Now we go to our action items, and  
5 there's only for the day. And this action  
6 item is the approval of payment for the past  
7 due invoice from Ready Refresh.

8 East Chicago Department of Redevelopment  
9 received Invoice 01H0127600054, dated  
10 9/2/2021 from Ready Refresh water delivery  
11 services. This invoice was overlooked and is  
12 60 days past due. The total amount of the  
13 past due invoice is \$40.90.

14 Action is recommended to approve payment  
15 of the past due invoice from Ready Refresh  
16 and to authorize the executive director to  
17 sign the necessary documents. It is  
18 recommended that the following motion be  
19 adopted verbatim.

20 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion to approve  
21 payment of the past due invoice from Ready  
22 Refresh in the amount of \$40.90 and to  
23 authorize the Executive Director to sign the  
24 necessary documents.

25 COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Randy Artis, so

1 moved.

2 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Rodger Gates,  
3 second.

4 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion was made by  
5 Randy Artis, second by Rodger Gates. Any  
6 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 SECRETARY FRENCH: Christine Russell?

17 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion carried.

18 We'll move on to public expression.

19 (NO RESPONSE.)

20 PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Motion to adjourn?

21 VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Rodger Gates,  
22 motion to adjourn.

23 COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Randy Artis, second.

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

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comment -- roll call, please.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Yes.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

Yes.

Rodger Gates?

VICE PRESIDENT GATES: Yes.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Christine Russell?

PRESIDENT RUSSELL: Yes. Motion carried.

Have a safe night, everybody. Stay cool.

(MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 5:06 PM.)

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2 ) SS:  
3 COUNTY OF LAKE )

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

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 12 (twelve) typewritten pages, is a  
15 true and correct transcript of my said stenographic  
16 notes.

17 Signed this 8th day of July, 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, JULY 5, 2022  
3 APPROVED & SIGNED TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022

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5 Christine Russell  
6 Christine Russell  
7 President

8 Rodger Gates  
9 Rodger Gates  
10 Vice President

11 Christopher French  
12 Christopher French  
13 Secretary

14 Delainah Valdez-Medina  
15 Delainah Valdez-Medina  
16 Commissioner

17 Randall Artis  
18 Randall Artis  
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20 Frank Rivera  
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