

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 27, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Reported by Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.

By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Staff Present: Olga Cosme
Richard Morrisroe

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: William Allen
Winna Guzman

MR. ALLEN: Good afternoon everyone. I'd like to call to order the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works for July 27th, 2023. We do have a quorum.

Next we have approval of the regular meeting minutes of Thursday, July 13, 2023. I'd make a motion to approve as written.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. ALLEN: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.

We have no correspondence, so moving on with New Business. We have bids for sidewalks. First one, is Pintos Concrete, 4350 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, Indiana. Total cost of -- I'm assuming first one is Project 9, I think the title is cutoff -- Project 9 is \$170,405.00; Project 10 is \$135,536.00; Project 11 is \$125,695.00; Project 12 is \$154,645.00; Project 13 is \$158,088.00.

Next we have R & D Construction, also for sidewalks. Project 9, \$101,205.00; Project 10 is \$91,176.00; Project 11 is \$90,495.00; Project 12 is \$91,845.00; Project 13 is \$93,892.50.

1 Next we have from Richardson
2 Disposal located at 620 East 10th Place, Gary, Indiana.
3 This looks like it's for concrete sidewalks as well.
4 Project 9 is \$95,582.50; Project 10 is \$83,500.00;
5 Project 11 is \$81,507.50; Project 12 is \$86,742.50;
6 Project 13 is \$88,676.25. Looks like that is all for
7 the sidewalks.

8 Moving on to the Roxana parking lot.
9 Pintos Concrete, 4350 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, Indiana.
10 Total cost is \$77,467.30.

11 Magner Concrete, they have both the
12 concrete sidewalks and Roxana parking lot in the same
13 envelope. Magner Concrete, located 8421 Cottage Grove
14 Avenue, Highland, Indiana. Again, this is for the
15 concrete. Project 9, total cost of \$100,860.00; Project
16 10 is \$90,901.60; Project 11 is \$90,241.70; Project 12
17 is \$91,531.90; Project 13 is \$93,572.40. And also from
18 Magner Concrete, we have for the Roxana parking lot a
19 total cost is \$40,290.00.

20 The rest are for Nunez parking lot.
21 First one is from Pintos Concrete, 4350 Columbia Avenue,
22 Hammond, Indiana, total cost of \$174,287.65.

23 Nunez parking lot, Perm-A-Seal,
24 total cost of \$171,448.00.

25 Next we have Jenstar Asphalt, 3098
East 37th Avenue, Suite A, Lake Station, Indiana.
Nunez parking lot, a total cost of \$146,813.75.

Then lastly we have Richardson
Disposal, located at 620 East 10th Place, Gary, Indiana.
We have a total cost of \$185,987.00.

That concludes all the proposals,
sealed proposals that we received. The Engineering
Department will review and come back at the following
meeting with a recommendation hopefully.

Next item on New Business, which is
2023 rates. So we have Secure Shred, Standard
Equipment, Ford, Best Equipment. Secure Shred
not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000.00. Standard Equipment
not-to-exceed amount is \$40,000.00. Ford not-to-exceed
amount of \$50,000.00. Best Equipment not-to-exceed
amount of \$40,000.00. We have any questions or
comments?

MS. GUZMAN: These are just rates?

MR. ALLEN: These are just rates for
service for vehicles for Public Works. I'd like to make
a motion to approve the 2023 rates for Secure Shred,
Standard Equipment, Ford, and Best Equipment.

1 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

2 MR. ALLEN: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

3 MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.

4 Next we have new pickup truck for
Public Works. Pickup truck in the amount of \$58,275.00,
which includes installation of a plow. The funding
5 sources have been identified. Are there any comments or
questions? (None)

6 No questions or comments I'd like to
make a motion to approve the expenditure for the new
7 pickup truck for Public Works in the amount of
\$58,275.00.

8 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

9 MR. ALLEN: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

10 MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.

11 Next we have Chicago Communication,
in-vehicle radios. This is for ten new radios for the
12 vehicles that belong to Public Works. Total amount is
\$5,877.30. Are there any questions or comments? (None)

13 I'd like to make a motion to approve
the expenditure for ten new radios for vehicles that
14 belong to Public Works Department in the amount of
\$5,877.30.

15 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

16 MR. ALLEN: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

17 MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.

18 Next we have two items from C. Lee
Construction. One is the address of 4502 through 04
19 Magoun Avenue, and this is for the demolition of that
property. Total amount is \$36,000.00. We have the
20 contract and we also have the Notice to Proceed
document. Are there any questions or comments? (None)

21 I'd like to make a motion to approve
the contract in the amount of \$36,000.00 and
22 accompanying Notice to Proceed. Work is to be completed
by the end of August.

23 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

24 MR. ALLEN: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

1 MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.

2 Next Actin, Marktown Utility
3 building demolition with the Building Department.
4 The Building Department has determined that Actin is the
5 lowest and most responsive bidder. The contract price
6 is \$6,300.00. Any comments or questions? (None)

7 I'd like to make a motion to approve
8 Building Department's recommendation to proceed with
9 Actin for the demolition of the utility building at
10 Marktown, not-to-exceed amount of \$6,300.00.

11 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

12 MR. ALLEN: All in favor say aye?

13 (All signify aye.)

14 MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.

15 Next we have donation checks. These
16 are both for the Fire Department to support annual
17 programs. The money is going to be used to purchase
18 supplies and services for the Open House in October this
19 year. First donation is from Northwest Metal LLC in the
20 amount of \$100.00. And the next donation is from
21 Capital Steel in the amount of \$150.00. Do we have any
22 comments or questions? (None)

23 I'd like to make a motion to approve
24 the acceptance of the donations we have for the Fire
25 Department from both Northwest Metal LLC and Capital
Steel.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. ALLEN: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.

Next we have from Federal Protection
Agency, this is from the Special Events Department. We
have contract price in the amount of \$10,156.40. This
is for their security services for our Fusic Festival,
which is from August 4th to the 6th. Do we have any
comments or questions? (None)

I'd make a motion to approve the
agreement between the City and Federal Protection Agency
in the amount of \$10,156.46.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. ALLEN: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.

1 We have a liability waiver document
2 between the City and Ameristar Casino, also between the
3 City and Cleveland Cliffs. This document holds us
4 harmless and indemnification for temporary use of
5 parking lots for our Fusic Fest. Again, this is two
6 separate documents, one for Ameristar Casino and the
7 other one is from Cleveland Cliffs. Both documents are
8 identical except for who they are with. Any comments or
9 questions? (None)

10 I'd make a motion to accept the
11 liability waiver document between the City of East
12 Chicago and Ameristar Casino and Cleveland Cliffs.

13 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

14 MR. ALLEN: All in favor say aye?
15 (All signify aye.)

16 MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.

17 Next we have Resolution 2023-13, 531
18 West Columbus Drive. It's the transfer of this
19 property, parcel number 45-03-09-203-002.000-024 and
20 this is property from the City of East Chicago to the
21 Redevelopment Department. Do we have any question?
22 (None)

23 Make a motion to approve Resolution
24 2023-13.

25 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. ALLEN: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.

Next is Resolution 2023-14, Tolbert
& Tolbert from the Law Department. This is the
extension of their legal services. We have
not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000.00. Do we have any
comments or questions? (None)

Make a motion to approve Resolution
2023-14 for Tolbert & Tolbert.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. ALLEN: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.

Next we have MOU between School City
and the City of East Chicago from Special Events. Looks
like this is for bus assistance for travelers with our
upcoming Fusic Fest. Looks like this is for eight

1 buses, air conditioned.

2 MS. GUZMAN: It's four buses.

3 MR. ALLEN: Four buses, all going to be
4 air conditioned and ADA equipped for persons with
5 disabilities.

6 MS. GUZMAN: It just states four buses
7 that are ADA compliant. They said they will be
8 utilizing the buses for three days.

9 MR. ALLEN: This is for the Fusic Fest
10 for patrons, to transport them from the parking area to
11 the actual festival at the Lake Front. The City will
12 pay each driver for services at the rate of \$31.45 per
13 hour. And then also they will have an aid assigned to
14 each bus, which THAT service will be at \$24.18 per hour.
15 I believe the total amount for this is \$5,402.88.
16 I have nothing further to add.

17 I'd like to make a motion to approve
18 the MOU between the School City and the City of East
19 Chicago for bus assistance for Fusic Fest in the amount
20 of \$5,402.88.

21 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

22 MR. ALLEN: All in favor say aye?
23 (All signify aye.)

24 MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.

25 Next we have outstanding invoices.
The first is from the Law Department with Share Resource
Solutions. Invoice is dated May 2, 2022, in the amount
of \$488.75. Do we have any questions or comments?
(None)

Then I will move on to the next
outstanding invoice and make one motion to approve both.
Next one from the Engineering Department. This is
National Power Rodding for our Roxana cleaning and
televising and lining project. We have two invoices
first invoice date of 4-10-23, in the amount of
\$103,455.95. Second invoice has a date of 3-31-23,
amount is \$548,089.20. Total of both invoices is
\$651,545.15. Engineering Department received the
invoice July 17, '23 from our hired inspector for the
job. Services have been rendered and the invoices
should be processed. Do we have any questions or
comments? (None)

I'd like to make a motion to approve

1 both outstanding invoices for Share Resource Solutions
2 and National Power Rodding.

3 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

4 MR. ALLEN: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

5 MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.

6 Next we have Hessville Plumbing,
7 manhole repairs for paving, from the Engineering
8 Department. That was at numerous various streets
9 throughout the City. Do we have any questions or
10 comments? (None)

11 Make a motion to approve Hessville
12 Plumbing rates for manhole repairs.

13 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

14 MR. ALLEN: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

15 MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.

16 First Group Engineering,
17 Supplemental #4 Roxana Neighborhood. This is an
18 adjustment with their rates. It's not an increased
19 dollar amount for their services. It's just the time
20 for them when they redo their numbers for their cycle.
21 Do we have any questions or comments? (None)

22 Make a motion to approve
23 Supplemental #4 for First Group Engineering for Roxana
24 Neighborhood.

25 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. ALLEN: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.

Next is First Group Engineering 2023
rates for their engineering services for the rest of the
year. Do you have any questions or comments? (None)

I'd like to make a motion to accept
First Group Engineering rates for 2023.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. ALLEN: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.

Next we have the award for proposals
that we received at the previous Board of Works meeting.

1 the first is Kosciusko Boulevard Reconstruction.
2 Engineering Department is recommending the acceptance of
3 the proposal for SCH, in the amount of \$106,650.00.

4 And then for the Magoun
5 Reconstruction Project Engineering is recommending the
6 acceptance of the proposal with First Group Engineering
7 in the amount of \$283,300.00.

8 MS. GUZMAN: This is for engineering
9 services?

10 MR. ALLEN: This is for engineering
11 services for design to create bid documents and survey
12 for the reconstruction of Kosciusko Boulevard and Magoun
13 Avenue. The limits for Kosciusko Boulevard to White Oak
14 and the limit for Magoun Avenue is from Chicago to
15 Columbus Drive. Do you have any comments or questions?
16 (None)

17 I'd make a motion to approve the
18 proposal for Kosciusko Boulevard Reconstruction with SCH
19 and the approval of the proposal for Magoun
20 Reconstruction with First Group Engineering.

21 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

22 MR. ALLEN: All in favor say aye?
23 (All signify aye.)

24 MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.

25 Next we have right-of-way
26 applications. Do we have any questions on right-of-way
27 applications 23-04554 through 23-04569? (None)

28 I'd make a motion to approve
29 right-of-way applications.

30 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

31 MR. ALLEN: All in favor say aye?
32 (All signify aye.)

33 MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.

34 We have no other business. Our next
35 regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 10,
36 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

37 I'd like to make a motion for
38 adjournment.

39 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

40 MR. ALLEN: All in favor say aye?
41 (All signify aye.)

MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.
Meeting adjourned.

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Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of
July 27, 2023

Approved and Signed July 27, 2023.

Val Gomez, President

William Allen, Vice President

Winna Guzman, member

Olga Cosme, Secretary

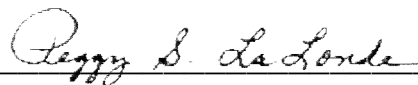
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C E R T I F I C A T E

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 8th day of August, 2023.



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR



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