

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Thursday, July 28, 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, Winna Guzman,
William Allen

MR. GOMEZ: Good afternoon everyone. I'd like to call to order the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works for July 28, 2022. We have the minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2022. Do I have a motion to approve as written?

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

There is no correspondence, so we'll move on to New Business. First item, bid opening for City Hall retaining wall, from Engineering.

MR. ALLEN: First one we have is from New Creations located at 4839 Ivy Street, East Chicago. Total cost is \$58,800.00. And then we have from Jolly Construction LLC, 3560 Buchanan Street, Gary, Indiana. And they have a price of \$98,900.00.

MR. GOMEZ: That was Jolly?

MR. ALLEN: Jolly Construction LLC.

1 And this is to replace the retaining wall right in front
2 of City Hall on Indianapolis Boulevard, the entire
3 strip. It's just the face of it.

4 MR. GOMEZ: That's a big difference in
5 those bids. Will you get back to us next meeting with
6 your recommendation or you going to review the paperwork
7 now?

8 MR. ALLEN: I should be able to award it
9 by the end of the meeting.

10 MR. GOMEZ: Right after right-of-way
11 applications?

12 MR. ALLEN: Yes.

13 MR. GOMEZ: We'll move on, we have two
14 service agreements from police department and IT. We
15 have Trocar Service Agreement and the other one is from
16 Dream Builders of America. We have a letter from our IT
17 Director, Kevin Klocek, with an explanation. The first
18 one is Service Agreement between Trocor and the East
19 Chicago Police Department. This agreement is for
20 services to be provided by Trocor, includes Federal
21 Bureau of Investigation, criminal justice information
22 services, which basically recognizes the contractor has
23 access to sensitive report data. They currently
24 maintain a security program consistent with federal and
25 state regulations. This was afforded to the police
department in the federal security audit that was
performed in late March.

The second Service Agreement is
between Dream Builders of America and East Chicago
Police Department. This is similar statement of the
agreement. Services are provided by Dream Builders of
America to East Chicago Police Department, which
includes Federal Bureau of Investigations, criminal
justice information service, security addendum, which
basically recognizing that the contractor has access to
sensitive report data and currently maintains a security
program consistent with the federal and state
regulations. This was also a security audit performed
in late March.

Agreement with Trocor terms are
bound to the approved 2022 rate schedule and the
agreement with Dream Builders also is tied to the
approved 2022 rate schedule. So both of the agreements
and contract terms are tied to the rate schedule based

1 on the hourly rates. So, we did approve both of those
rates earlier in the year.

2 Are there any questions or comments
3 on the agreements between the City of East Chicago and
Trocor and Dream Builders of America? (None)

4 Hearing no further questions or
5 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve the service
6 agreement contracts between Trocor and East Chicago
Police Department, and the service agreement between
Dream Builders of America and East Chicago Police
Department.

7 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

8 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

9 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

11 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

12 Next we have from HECC rate schedule
13 amendment from IT. Kevin Klocek, IT Director, is
14 requesting the Board to approve the rate schedule
15 amendment to HECC to include a not-to-exceed amount of
\$125,000.00, specifically services for Cyber network
locates. So we approved the previous rate schedule,
this is just adding the not-to-exceed amount of
\$125,000. Any questions or comments? (None)

16 There being no further questions or
17 questions, I'd entertain a motion to approve the
18 amendment to HECC to add the not-to-exceed amount of
\$125,000.00.

19 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

20 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

21 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

24 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

25 Next we have outstanding invoices.
First one is Gateway Business Systems and this is from
IT. We do have a letter from our IT Director, the past
due invoice is dated 2-10-22 for IT Department copier
usage. The invoice was misplaced by IT and submitted
for processing. The invoice amount is \$13.68. Any
questions or comments? (None)

There being no further questions or

1 comments, entertain a motion to approve payment to
Gateway Business Systems, in the amount of \$13.68.

2 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

3 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

4 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

6 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

7 Next we have late invoice from
National Power Rodding, date of 5-3-22, in the amount of
\$24,243.25. Explanation, invoice was received late, on
8 7-11-22. Invoice is reviewed by engineer and approved
prior to processing. Services have been rendered and
9 invoice should be processed. Any questions or comments?
(None)

10 There being no further questions or
comments, entertain a motion to approve the late invoice
11 for National Power Rodding, in the amount of \$24,243.25.

12 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

13 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

14 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

16 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

17 Next we have late invoice, also from
Engineering, for R & R Visual. Two late invoices, one
dated 3-14-2022, amount of \$3,950.00; the other one
18 dated 5-5-22, in the amount of \$88,812.60, total of
\$92,762.60. Explanation, invoices were received late,
on 7-11-22. The invoices must be reviewed by the
19 engineer and approved prior to processing. Services
have been rendered and invoice should be processed. Any
20 questions or comments? (None)

21 There being no further questions or
comments, entertain a motion to approve the late invoice
to R & R Visual in the amount of \$92,762.60.

22 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

23 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

24 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

1 Opposed: None

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

2 Next we have invoice from Public
3 Works for True Green. Public Works Director, Mr. Cid,
4 was unable to attend. He did explain this is a
5 continuing invoice, yearly invoice with True Green.
6 It's for the City-wide vegetation control, weed control.
7 The amount is exactly the same as last year, for
8 \$36,330.00. Any questions or comments on this proposal
9 from True Green? This will come out of their budget as
10 it's a budgeted line item in their budget. Any
11 questions or comments? (None)

12 There is one thing I did discuss
13 with him on the terms and conditions, under number three
14 where it has interest payments, and I formed Mr. Cid
15 that we were going to X that out and I was going to
16 initial that on the signed version, and he agreed. He
17 said he would call them today on that, so that will
18 cancel out that section. By statute you are not allowed
19 to pay interest.

20 Along with that modification, any
21 questions or comments? (None) No further questions or
22 comments, entertain a motion to approve the True Green
23 proposal with Public Works for vegetation control
24 City-wide in the amount of \$36,330.00.

25 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

26 Next we have Resolution 2022-21,
27 Legal Services with Tolbert & Tolbert. This resolution
28 authorizes a modification for the calendar year 2022.
29 There was an established cap in the amount of \$60,000
30 and this would extend the cap contained in that contract
31 by an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000.00, subject to the
32 submission of an itemized statement between the
33 controller and Common Council. Any questions or
34 comments? (None) This is a recommendation from the Law
35 Department.

36 There being no further questions or
37 comments, entertain a motion to approve Resolution
38 2022-21 extending Tolbert & Tolbert legal services cap
39 from \$60,000 to \$100,000.

1 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

2 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

3 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

5 Next we have Resolution 2022-22,
6 transfer of 3819 Drummond, along with the quitclaim deed
and sales disclosure. Transfer of certain properties
7 owned by the City of East Chicago to the Department of
Redevelopment, which is 3819 Drummond Street, Parcel
8 number 45-03-21-431-010.000-024.

9 MR. MORRISROE: If I may, this is the
adjoining lot program. They have paid \$250.00, but we
10 don't view that as expense for the property itself.

11 MR. GOMEZ: And there is zero
consideration. Quitclaim deed to Edwardo Chavez,
12 authorize and execute deed and the documents attached
conveying the property to Edwardo Chavez, which we have
13 included and which we will sign, quitclaim deed and the
sales disclosure form also. Any comments or questions
on Resolution 2022-22? (None)

14 There being no further questions or
others comments, entertain a motion to approve
15 Resolution 2022-22.

16 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

17 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

18 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

20 Next we have Resolution 2022-23,
21 amending the professional service agreement with Smith
Sersic. Current agreement extends to December 31, 2022,
and whereas the Board of Public Works wishes to modify
22 that cap for these services to \$50,000 by affixing the
hourly rate at \$165 per hour. Are there any questions
23 or comments on Resolution 2022-23? (None)

24 There being no further questions or
comments, entertain a motion to approve Resolution
2022-23.

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1 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

2 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

3 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

5 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

6 Next we have Milestone Contractors,
NTP for East Calumet neighborhood mill and overlay.

7 MR. ALLEN: This is just Notice to
Proceed, a document that needs approval in order for
8 them to literally start or begin the job. The previous
Board of Works meeting we approved their contract and
9 awarded them the job. Again, this is for the East
Calumet area. They will be milling and paving all the
10 streets from Graciela all the way to Parrish, 149th all
the way to Chicago, removing portions of concrete curb
11 and sidewalks and replacing them, as well as removing
trees that have caused imperfections or hazards to the
12 sidewalks due to their tree roots.

13 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or
comments on the Notice to Proceed? (None)

14 There being no further questions or
comments, entertain a motion to approve Notice to
Proceed for Millstone Contractors --

15 MR. ALLEN: I'm sorry, I would just add,
16 that they will begin work tomorrow and over the weekend
too, for the next two months.

17 MR. GOMEZ: Is there a motion to approve?

18 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

19 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

20 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

22 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

23 Next, Alley Asphalt Project #2 and
#3, from Engineering.

24 MR. ALLEN: So we have project #2 and #3,
it's surfacing of alleys in the areas of the City. For
25 project #2 and #2, we'd like to award that to JenStar.

1 #2 is \$97,400.00 and project #3 in the amount of
2 \$97,200.00.

3 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments or
4 project 2 or project 3? (None)

5 There being no further questions or
6 comments, entertain a motion to approve the proposal
7 from JenStar for the alley asphalt project #2 and #3.

8 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

9 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

10 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

13 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

14 Next we have the Concrete
15 Projects #2, #3 and #4, from Engineering.

16 MR. ALLEN: Yes. We have the Concrete
17 Projects 2, 3 and 4. We'd like to move forward with
18 Pintos Concrete for project #2, the amount of
19 \$137,672.50. For project #3, Pintos Concrete, amount of
20 \$131,040.00. And concrete project #4, we'd like to move
21 forward with R & D Construction, in the amount of
22 \$127,680.00.

23 MR. GOMEZ: Are there any further
24 questions or comments on concrete projects, 2 and 3 with
25 Pintos Construction and #4 with R & D Construction?
(None)

There being no further questions or
comments, entertain a motion to approve the proposals
for concrete projects #2, #3, and #4 with aforementioned
contractors.

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next Hasse Construction, water main
relocation. This is for Columbus Drive roundabout.

MR. ALLEN: Right now the Engineering

1 Department is planning to make improvements to the
2 roundabout and fix drainage issues in and around it. So
3 upon on-site visits and just pretty much driving through
4 the area, we noticed that that area accumulates a lot of
5 water and by us trying to clean out the ditch area or
6 culvert, we found out our water main sits on a very high
7 elevation, so that needs to be readjusted for us to
8 clear the path in order for our storm water to drain
9 properly. So the cost for this, I believe, is
10 \$33,500.00. This is with the assumption that the City
11 will be providing the material for this project, which
12 is just the pipe and the fittings.

13 MR. GOMEZ: They haven't changed it, it's
14 still Columbus Drive because is says Avenue.

15 MR. ALLEN: Area is still Columbus Drive.

16 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on
17 Hasse Construction for the roundabout repair? (None)

18 There being no further questions or
19 comments, entertain a motion to approve Hasse
20 Construction's proposal.

21 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

22 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

23 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have, also from Hasse
Construction, Hunter building storm drainage proposal,
from Engineering.

MR. ALLEN: We had some improvements that
were made on Alder between Broadway and Guthrie. As a
result some drainage piping needs to be added onto the
parking lot area that services the Hunter Building. So
this share cost of \$1,725.00 is to run an additional
pipe through the lot to prevent it from flooding, which
it's been doing ever since we have made improvements to
Alder.

MR. GOMEZ: Is this going to be taken to
the Sanitary Board also? I notice all the information
is to the East Chicago Sanitary District and the
proposal even says, East Chicago Sanitary District.

1 MR. ALLEN: It should be Board of Works
2 because Engineering is going to be funding this. We can
3 get that corrected, but it will be coming out of the
4 Engineering budget.

5 MR. GOMEZ: It wasn't a funding issue?

6 MR. ALLEN: No.

7 MR. GOMEZ: Any further questions or
8 comments on this proposal? (None)
9 There being no further questions or
10 comments, entertain a motion to approve Hasse
11 Construction's proposal for the Hunter Building storm
12 drainage proposal.

13 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

14 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

15 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

18 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

19 Next we have, also Hasse
20 Construction, Indianapolis Boulevard water/sewer
21 replacement contract, from Engineering.

22 MR. ALLEN: So we went out to bid for
23 Indianapolis Boulevard to replace all the underground
24 infrastructure. The limits for this project are from
25 Columbus Drive all the way to 152nd Street, and it
includes replacing all the remaining water main, and all
the service lines to residents and businesses, as well
as full replacement of all our underground sewers, and
then lining all the sewer connections from the side
streets tying into Indianapolis Boulevard.

The project went before the Council,
I believe last night, on the third and final reading,
and also had a public hearing, and it got approved.
This is just, you know, formality to finish up the
approval of all the necessary paperwork so that they can
work towards scheduling the job.

At this point we could potentially
break ground this winter, if we can get the material.
Nowadays the lead times are pretty extensive, but if we
don't start this winter, we'll start spring of next
year.

1 MR. GOMEZ: They plan to work through the
winter?

2 MR. ALLEN: Yes.

3 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or
4 comments? (None)

5 There being no further questions or
6 comments, entertain a motion to approve Hasse
Construction contract for Indianapolis Boulevard
7 water/sewer replacement program, and also Notice to
8 Proceed with the same contract.

9 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

10 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

11 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

14 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

15 Next we have right-of-way
16 applications number 22-04247 through 22-04262. Any
17 questions or comments on these Board of Public Works
18 permit applications? (None)

19 There being no further questions or
20 comments, entertain a motion to approve the
21 aforementioned Board of Works permit applications.

22 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

23 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

24 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Now we'll go back to the bid opening
for the retaining wall recommendation.

MR. ALLEN: I'd like to recommend moving
forward with New Creations, in the amount of \$58,800.00.
It's actually not too far off from what our estimate
was.

MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on
the recommendation?

MS. GUZMAN: Does that include permits?

1 MR. ALLEN: It does, and Royalty
2 Construction will be hired by the City to conduct
oversight for this project.

3 MR. GOMEZ: There being no further
4 questions or comments, entertain a motion to approve
5 recommendation from Engineering Department for New
Creations, in the amount of \$58,800.00 for retaining
wall.

6 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

7 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

8 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

10 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

I believe that concludes our New
Business. We have no other business, and the next
regular meeting will be August 11, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

12 That concludes our items on the
agenda tonight, entertain a motion for adjournment.

13 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

14 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

15 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

17 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries. Meeting
adjourned.

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Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of
July 28, 2022

Approved and Signed July 28, 2022.

Val Gomez, President

William Allen, Vice President

Winna Guzman, member

Olga Cosme, Secretary

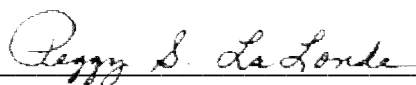
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C E R T I F I C A T E

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 2nd day of August, 2022.



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR



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