

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 5, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.

Reported for Fissinger & Associates, Ltd

By: Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Present In Chambers: Steve Flowers, Miguel
Rivera

Present Telephonic Conference: Ben Moricz,
Jawann Jones

Staff Present in Chambers: Anthony Herrera,
Ken Myers, Joseph Allegretti, Bill Biller
Staff Present Telephonic: Rene Cid

MR. FLOWERS: First is approval of
minutes from July 15th, 2021.

MR. JONES: Motion to approve minutes.

MR. MORICZ: Second.

MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
Motion carries.

Next we have check warrants.

SANITARY DISTRICT, WASTEWATER DIVISION
WARRANT 080521 SC - \$1,169,723.90

MR. MORICZ: Make a motion.

MR. RIVERA: Second.

1 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
2 (All signify aye.)
Motion carries.

3 WARRANT 080521 SW - \$173,190.20

4 MR. RIVERA: Motion to accept.
5 MR. MORICZ: Second.
6 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
7 (All signify aye.)
Motion carries.

8 WARRANT 072821 BI - \$47,931.26

9 MR. JONES: Make a motion.
10 MR. MORICZ: Second.
11 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
12 (All signify aye.)
Motion carries.

13 PAYROLL WARRANTS

14 WARRANT 072321 - Sanitary Board Payroll
Dates of 7/3/21 to 7/16/21

15 MR. RIVERA: Motion to accept.
16 MR. JONES: Second.
17 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to the
motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
18 (All signify aye.)
Motion carries.

19 WARRANT 072321 - Wastewater Payroll
Dates of 7/3/21 to 7/16/21

20 MR. RIVERA: Motion to accept.
21 MR. MORICZ: Second.
22 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
23 (All signify aye.)
Motion carries.

24 WARRANT 072321 - Utilities Payroll
Dates of 7/3/21 to 7/16/21

25 MR. MORICZ: Motion to accept.
MR. RIVERA: Second.
MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to

1 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

2 Motion carries.

3 SANITARY DISTRICT - SOLID WASTE DIVISION
4 WARRANT 080521 SS - \$59,623.72

5 MR. RIVERA: Make a motion.

6 MR. MORICZ: Second.

7 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to
8 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

9 Motion carries.

10 WARRANT 072321 - Solids Payroll
11 Dates of 7/3/21 to 7/16/21

12 MR. JONES: Make a motion.

13 MR. MORICZ: Second.

14 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to
15 the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

16 Motion carries.

17 Report of Field Operations: Ken

18 Myers.

19 MR. MYERS: Commissioners, I have no
20 report. I am here to answer any questions you may have
21 about ongoing work.

22 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions for Mr.
23 Myers? (None) Thank you, Mr. Myers.

24 Report from Solid Waste: Rene Cid

25 MR. CID: At this time I have no
report. Thank you.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Cid.

Report from Financial Consultant:
Bill Biller. Cash report from June 2021.

MR. BILLER: You have a report in the
packet. If the Board has any questions, between Anthony
and myself we'll be happy to answer them. I should
mention that Anthony has been doing more of the monthly
cash reports in the last couple of months than he has
before.

MR. FLOWERS: Okay, moving on.

Report from Legal Counsel: Mr. Joe

1 Allegretti.

2 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I have no report as
3 legal counsel. There are a couple of items on the
4 agenda further on that I'm probably going to make a
5 couple comments on, if permitted.

6 MR. FLOWERS: New business. Resolution
7 SD 21-08.

8 MR. ALLEGRETTI: This is a resolution
9 authorizing our rate counsel, Faegre Drinker to proceed
10 with filing our rate case before the IURC. Last week we
11 had a workshop session with our financial consultant,
12 BakerTilly and also attended -- I think, by everyone in
13 this the room -- and also Jane Wilson, our counsel.
14 This simply authorizes the process to formally begin.

15 MR. RIVERA: Mr. Allegretti, the proposed
16 increase is 40 percent. It's not going to go any higher
17 than that?

18 MR. ALLEGRETTI: It's a cap and it's --
19 actually the request is less than that.

20 MR. RIVERA: Very good. Thank you.

21 MR. FLOWERS: Is 40 percent over a
22 certain amount of time?

23 MR. ALLEGRETTI: As we discussed at the
24 workshop, what we will be seeking -- and it is somewhat
25 out of our control -- is a phased in user charge
modification.

MR. RIVERA: Make a motion to accept
Resolution SD 21-08.

MR. FLOWERS: Is there a second? (Pause)
Is there a second for Resolution SD 21-08.

MR. ALLEGRETTI: Roberts Rules permits
you to second, if you are so inclined.

MR. FLOWERS: I'll second. Any questions
pertaining to the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
Motion carries.

New Business continues, Agreement of
Illiana Disposal Partnership, and it's in our packet, I

1 saw it earlier.

2 MR. ALLEGRETTI: As we recall, we
3 solicited competitive bids for two-year contract for
4 municipal solid waste disposal in the City of East
5 Chicago. Illiana Disposal Partnership was the low
6 bidder. They are also our current vendor. They have a
7 transfer station, as we all know, on Columbus Drive and
8 are most convenient, and they are also the lowest price.
9 This contract is virtually -- other than some
10 inflationary increase in the cost -- it's virtually the
11 same as our old contract, our last couple of contracts.
12 And staff recommends that the Board authorize execution
13 of this agreement.

8 MR. RIVERA: Motion to accept the
9 agreement of Illiana Disposal Partnership two-year
10 agreement.

10 MR. FLOWERS: Is there a second on the
11 motion for Illiana Disposal? (No Response) Is there a
12 second? (No Response) I'll second.

12 Any questions pertaining to the
13 motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

14 Next item is Agreement with JM
15 Bennett & Associates Inc..

16 MR. ALLEGRETTI: JM Bennett is --
17 basically Jim Bennett has been the financial adviser for
18 the City -- for this Administration -- since
19 October 2010 and the previous Administration and
20 somewhat before that. He's intimately familiar with all
21 of the financial dealings of the City and with the
22 District. City Hall has requested that the Storm Water
23 and the Board of Sanitary Commissioners participate in
24 his professional services contract and staff is
25 recommending that the commissioners react favorably to
this contract and this item.

21 MR. RIVERA: Motion to accept the JM
22 Bennett & Associates Agreement.

23 MR. FLOWERS: Is there a second? Mr.
24 Allegretti, on page 7, has the Mayor signed off on it?

25 MR. ALLEGRETTI: Yes. Anthony will make
sure it gets over --

1 MR. HERRERA: He signed off already.

MR. FLOWERS: I second.

2 Any questions pertaining to the
motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

3 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

4 Final item, adjustments at 4714
McCook Avenue. Director Winna Guzman is not here --

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6 MS. GUZMAN: (Telephonic) Hello
Commissioners, Winna Guzman for the record, Water
7 Department. This is relating to location of 4714 McCook
Avenue, account number 13501. I provided documentation
8 reflecting that payment in the amount of \$40.00 was
applied to the account and was to be applied toward the
9 deposit on the account instead. The owner sent it from
California. When we received it, it was not identified
10 and deposited as a deposit. So I'm requesting that this
be corrected and we reverse and apply the deposit
correctly.

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12 MR. RIVERA: I make a motion to accept
recommendation for 4714 McCook Avenue.

13 MR. MORICZ: Second.

14 MR. FLOWERS: Any questions pertaining to
the motion? (None) All in favor say aye?

15 (All signify aye.)

Motion carries.

16 Unfinished Business: None

Public Comment: None

17 Next meeting date is August 19,
2021, at 4:30, here in the chambers.

18 Mr. Allegretti, heard anything about
the mask mandate in the State of Indiana? What is going
19 on with that?

20 MR. ALLEGRETTI: I just kind of know what
everybody else knows. Governor Holcomb expressed some
21 resistance, although there is concern in other
jurisdictions, as he says, without a mask are
22 recommending maybe eventually some kind of return to the
previous protocol allowing remote participation. I know
23 two of our commissioners are participating remotely
tonight. There was concern about the Delta Variant.
24 There has not been anything official coming from the
Governor's office in the form of an additional executive
25 order. If that happens, I will notify everybody as soon

1 as I learn about it.

2 MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Allegretti.
3 Again, our next meeting is August 19, 2021, at 4:30, in
4 the chambers here. Is there a motion to adjourn?

5 MR. RIVERA: Motion to adjourn.

6 MR. JONES: Second.

7 MR. FLOWERS: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)
8 Motion carries. Meeting

9 adjourned.

10 ***** Meeting adjourned *****

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Thursday
August 5, 2021

Approved and signed _____



Steve Flowers, President

SI Ben Moricz

Ben Moricz, Vice-President

Tia Cauley



Miguel (Mike) Rivera

Jawann Jones



Anthony Herrera

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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 10th day of August, 2021.

Peggy S. LaLonde

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