

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Thursday, September 8, 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, William Allen, and  
Winna Guzman.

MR. GOMEZ: Good afternoon everyone. I'd like to call to order the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works for September 8, 2022.

First item, motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 25, 2022.

MR. ALLEN: So move.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

First item is Best Equipment, 2022 Rate Schedule, with a not-to-exceed of \$25,000. Any questions or comments on this rate schedule? (None)

Hearing none, I'll entertain a motion to approve the rate schedule from Best Equipment.

MR. ALLEN: So move.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

1                               Next, we have Bozak Ford, Parks &  
2 Recreation, 5-year, 75,000 premium maintenance package,  
3 \$1545 per unit. Any questions or comments on the  
4 proposal? (None)

5                               Hearing none, I'll entertain a  
6 motion to approve Bozak Ford maintenance package for the  
7 Parks and Recreation Department.

8                               MR. ALLEN: So move.

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, again from Bozak Ford for four  
15 police cars. It's also for the 5-year 75,000 premium  
16 maintenance program. These are 22 vehicles and the  
17 total amount is \$6,018, 1545 per unit. Any questions or  
18 comments on this proposal from Bozak Ford? (None)

19                              Hearing no further questions or  
20 comments, entertain a motion to approve proposal for  
21 four vehicles for Police Department maintenance program.

22                              MR. ALLEN: So move.

23                              MS. GUZMAN: Second.

24                              MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have from Bryte Car  
Collision Center, Police Department comes to Public  
Works. This is for an additional repair of 1500 and  
not-to-exceed a one time of \$4482.49. This is for one  
police vehicle?

MR. ROBINSON: Yes. That's the vehicle  
that has minor rear damage.

MR. GOMEZ: Okay. Any questions or  
comment on this proposal from Bryte Car Collision  
Center? (None)

No further questions or comments,  
entertain a motion to approve the proposal for PD

1 vehicle in the amount of not-to-exceed \$4286.49.

2 MR. ALLEN: So move.

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, East Chicago Auction for Fire  
8 Department trailer. They have a trailer -- there is a  
9 picture included with VIN number -- 1991 Rough Ryder  
10 and they want it declared as surplus. Chief Carpenter  
11 couldn't make the meeting but he gave some information  
12 and an explanation. As far as the trailer, they no  
longer have a use for it and they wish to just declare  
it as surplus so it can be auctioned. Any questions or  
comments on the Fire Department trailer? (None)

11 No further questions or comments,  
12 entertain a motion to approve Fire Department's request  
to declare their trailer surplus.

13 MR. ALLEN: So move.

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.

18 MR. ROBINSON: Thank you.

19 MR. GOMEZ: Next, also from Fire  
20 Department, we have Chicago Communications. This is a  
21 rate schedule for 2022. It has the labor rates, their  
22 regular business hour rates, their overtime hour rates,  
and their Saturday, Sunday and holiday rates. And this  
is for their electronics. Any questions or comments?

23 MS. GUZMAN: Just a note a not-to-exceed  
of \$1500.00.

24 MR. GOMEZ: Thank you. Not-to-exceed  
\$1500.00. Any other comments or questions? (None)  
25 Entertain a motion to approve Fire

1 Department's proposal with Chicago Communications, with  
2 a not-to-exceed amount of \$1500.00 for their  
3 electronics.

3 MR. ALLEN: So move.

4 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

5 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

7 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

8 Another one from the Fire Department  
9 from Lexipol. This is for \$10,982.00. This is for  
10 software. This is for firehouse software, fire EMS,  
11 platform software, and this is for the firefighters.  
12 Any questions or comments on this proposal?

11 MS. GUZMAN: We need to strike out  
12 Section 5 of invoicing where it relates to the  
13 percentage per month late payment charge on overdue  
14 amount, rate equal to one percent per month. And then  
15 there is another Section 6.4, invoice over 30 days past  
16 due, charged \$25.00 late fee; so we need to strike that  
17 out as well.

15 MR. GOMEZ: Okay, strike from Section 5  
16 and Section 6.4, we'll make a note to let the Fire  
17 Department know. I know they have had this company in  
18 previous years so they might have had that agreement and  
19 made them aware of our policy. So we'll check with  
20 them. Any other questions or comments? (None)

18 Entertain a motion that we approve  
19 Lexipol's agreement with the Fire Department, with the  
20 condition that we strike out Section 5 and Section 6.4,  
21 which are items that go against our purchase policies.

20 MR. ALLEN: So move.

21 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

22 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

24 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

25 Next we have Demolition Contracts  
from Building Department. First contract between East

1 Chicago Board of Public Works and JM Industrial  
2 Services, work sites at 3912 Fern Street, 3435 Fir  
3 Street, 3912 Grace Street, 4857 Wegg Avenue, and the  
4 amount total for the properties is \$50,800.00. The bids  
5 were opened at a previous meeting. Any questions or  
6 comments on the first contract with JM Industrial  
7 Services? (None)

8 There being no further questions or  
9 comments, entertain a motion to approve the contract  
10 between City of East Chicago Board of Public Works and  
11 JM Industrial Services for the aforementioned  
12 properties.

13 MR. ALLEN: So move.

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 demolition contract  
20 between the City of East Chicago Board of Public Works  
21 and Richardson Disposal. This one is for 4033 McCook,  
22 rear structure and the garage; 3610 Grand Boulevard,  
23 garage and pad only. Those are the two properties. The  
24 contract price is for \$17,385.00. And again, this is  
25 with Richardson Disposal. Any questions or comments on  
this contract? (None)

No further questions or comments,  
I'd entertain a motion to approve the demolition  
contract between City of East Chicago and Richardson  
Disposal.

MR. ALLEN: So move.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next demolition is between City of  
East Chicago Board of Public Works and Actin  
Incorporated. This is for 1117 138th Street, 3815  
Alder, 608 West 143rd Street. Total sum for three  
properties is \$21,150.00. Are there any questions or

1 comments on this contract? (None)

2 There being no further questions or  
3 comments, entertain a motion to approve the demolition  
4 contract between the City of East Chicago and Actin  
5 Incorporated for the aforementioned properties.

6 MR. ALLEN: So move.

7 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

8 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

11 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

12 Next we have Resolution 2022-24.  
13 This is the City of East Chicago Board of Public Works  
14 resolution authorizing the modification of contract for  
15 legal services with Tolbert & Tolbert. We previously  
16 authorized a contract with Tolbert & Tolbert in the year  
17 2022 with a cap of \$60,000. The Board also extended  
18 this cap for an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000.00 in the  
19 previous resolution. This is now an additional  
20 not-to-exceed sum of \$150,000.00. So Tolbert & Tolbert  
21 contract would be modified to extend the cap to  
22 \$150,000.00, subject to submission of itemized  
23 statements approved by the City controller and the  
24 Common Council. Any questions or comments on Resolution  
25 2022-24? (None)

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

MR. ALLEN: So move.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Geocon Professional  
Services. This is for the new duplexes on 4823 through  
51 Kennedy Avenue.

MR. ALLEN: This is from the Engineering  
Department. This is Geocon Technical Services for new  
duplexes to be built along Kennedy for the addresses of

1 4823 through 51 Kennedy Avenue, for an amount of  
2 \$7,250.00. They will do three soil borings. They will  
3 drill to a depth of 25 feet to determine the behavioral  
4 characteristics of subsurface materials and also conduct  
5 a geo technical report.

6 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on  
7 Geocon Professional Services proposal for the 4823 to 51  
8 Kennedy Avenue project? (None)

9 There being no further questions or  
10 comments, entertain a motion to approve Geocon's  
11 proposal for this project.

12 MR. ALLEN: So move.

13 MS. GUZMAN: 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 from Robinson  
19 Engineering. This is for 4823 through 4852 Kennedy,  
20 also from Engineering Department.

21 MR. ALLEN: This is for engineering  
22 services to develop boundary surveys by scale, division  
23 and preparation of legal descriptions for the property.  
24 This is again for the duplexes to be built. That amount  
25 of \$12,000.00.

MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on  
this proposal? (None)

There being no further questions or  
comments, entertain a motion to approve Robinson  
Engineering proposal for the 4823 through 4852 Kennedy  
Avenue project.

MR. ALLEN: So move.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have from Hasse Construction

1 three proposals. First one for sanitary services,  
2 manhole relocation on Kennedy.

3 MR. ALLEN: This \$54,250.00 to establish  
4 two sanitary services for the duplexes, as well as  
5 relocating an existing manhole.

6 MR. GOMEZ: The second one is for water  
7 services on Kennedy Avenue?

8 MR. ALLEN: Yes. So this will be for two  
9 water services to be connected to where the duplexes  
10 will be constructed. The amount is \$18,000.00.

11 MR. GOMEZ: And the third one is for  
12 sanitary services on Kennedy Avenue.

13 MR. ALLEN: Correct. Different location,  
14 but, yes, to establish sanitary connections for new  
15 structures or homes to be built on. That's \$25,000.00.

16 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on  
17 these proposals from Hasse Construction? (None)

18 There being no further questions or  
19 comments, entertain a motion to approve three  
20 aforementioned proposals from Hasse Construction.

21 MR. ALLEN: So move.

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 Hasse Construction,  
water main material, from Engineering.

MR. ALLEN: This is to purchase material  
for upcoming projects or anything that we have the need  
for since there's a long lead time for getting material,  
which has been going on lately. So, we think it's best  
just to purchase it while we can. Again, this is for  
water main related material we will need in the future.  
And again, this would be for upcoming projects, current  
projects, and then even repairs by Sanitary District or  
Water Department, if we need them.



1 MR. GOMEZ: The amount is \$17,910.75.  
2 This is also including a handling fee of ten percent,  
3 for total of \$19,701.83.

4 As you mentioned, because of the  
5 issues with supply disruption and getting the material  
6 on time, I believe they are only able to get one vendor,  
7 right?

8 MR. ALLEN: Yes, that was the only  
9 material that was available now. And then Winna can  
10 probably speak, she ordered some fire hydrants a year  
11 ago and still hasn't gotten all of them yet.

12 MS. GUZMAN: It was two-inch meters, and  
13 I believe it's over a year now trying to get that in.  
14 Supply issues again.

15 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or  
16 comments? (None)

17 Entertain a motion to approve Hasse  
18 Construction proposal for water main material, various  
19 water main materials to be used throughout the City of  
20 East Chicago.

21 MR. ALLEN: So move.

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 right-of-way  
applications. We have Board of Public Works permit  
applications number 22-04283 through 22-04286. Any  
questions or comments on the aforementioned permit  
applications? (None)

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

MR. ALLEN: So move.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

1 Opposed: None

2 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

3 Okay. That concludes our new  
4 business. We have no other business. Our next regular  
5 meeting will be Thursday, September 22, 2022, at  
6 4:30 p.m.

7 That concludes everything on our  
8 agenda for tonight, I'd entertain a motion for  
9 adjournment.

10 MR. ALLEN: So move.

11 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

12 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

15 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

16 Meeting adjourned.

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2 Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of  
3 September 8, 2022  
4 Approved and Signed September 8, 2022.

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6 Val Gomez, President

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8 William Allen, Vice President

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10 Winna Guzman, member

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12 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 15th day of September, 2022.

*Peggy S. LaLonde*

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