

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Reporter by Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.

By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Staff Present: Olga Cosme

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Val Gomez, Winna Guzman and
William Allen

MR. GOMEZ: Good afternoon everyone. I'd like to call to order the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works for October 13, 2022.

First item, entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 22, 2021, 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.

Correspondence. We have one letter from International Miracle Crusade, COGIC, 3719 Elm Street. This is from Dr. Victoria Williams, the pastor. You are present, ma'am, could you come to the podium? So I read your letter earlier and you are asking for parcels of land that's close to your church for parking?

PASTOR WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.

MR. GOMEZ: They are listed in your

1 letter, and I guess the first two are your primary ones.
2 What we are going to do, any time somebody inquires
3 about property, we have to submit that request to the
4 BZA to check the zoning. And then from there we are
5 going to start the process for you. You probably will
6 get a phone call from our Planning Department, because
7 they are the ones that do the presentation before the
8 BZA, that's where they check the zoning. And from
9 there, Planning and Law Department, they will go out to
10 check out the lot and determine if the City had plans
11 for it. If not, then they will start talking with you
12 on what you can do and how you can acquire the land.
13 Okay?

14 PASTOR WILLIAMS: Thank you so much.

15 MR. GOMEZ: So you should be getting a
16 call from them next week. If you don't get one by
17 middle of the week, you can call the same number and let
18 Olga know that nobody has contacted you, and I will find
19 out why. Okay?

20 PASTOR WILLIAMS: Okay. Thank you so
21 much.

22 MR. GOMEZ: Thank you. We'll move on to
23 New Business. First item on the agenda from the Health
24 Department. This is a proposal for Altorfer Power
25 System, for a Caterpillar electronic power generator. I
think we all recall the last big storm where the Health
Department lost power, and I believe Public Works went
out and received the bids for this, the quote for this.
I see the letter addressed to Orlando Santos, at East
Chicago Public Works. The amount is for \$370,850.00.

MR. CID: Yes, a backup generator.

MR. GOMEZ: And this is for the Health
Department?

MR. CID: Correct.

MR. ALLEN: It will be funded through
Engineering.

MR. GOMEZ: They are aware we are tax
exempt, right?

MR. CID: Correct.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on
2 this proposal? (None) There being no further questions
3 or comments from the Commission, I'd entertain a motion
4 for approval of the Altorfer Power Systems proposal for
5 Health Department generator in the amount of
6 \$370,850.00.

7 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

8 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

9 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

12 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

13 Next on the agenda we have from Axon
14 Tasers, from the Police Department. Anyone going to
15 come from the Police Department?

16 MS. COSME: They were suppose to be here.

17 MR. GOMEZ: They did provide the Board of
18 Works with a project request form and it's in detail, so
19 I'm going to continue with their request.

20 The project description for the Axon
21 Tasers, they are requesting contract approval for Axon
22 Tasers for the purchase of 25 new tasers and
23 accessories. Funding has been previously approved in
24 the amount of \$85,998.00. I know they discussed this
25 before. Does the Commission want to proceed with their
proposal?

MR. ALLEN: Yes.

MS. GUZMAN: Yes

MR. GOMEZ: Okay. Are there any
questions or comments on the Axon Tasers that the Police
Department wishes to purchase? (None)

No further questions or comments,
I'd entertain a motion to approve the Axon Enterprise
proposal for 25 new tasers for the East Chicago Police
Department, in the amount of \$82,998.48.

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

4 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

5 The next one is also from the Police
6 Department. This is from Blythe's Sport Shop. This is
7 for 50 patrol rifles at a cost of \$1,250.00 each, for
8 total price of \$62,500.00. They do have a purchase
9 order and it's coming out of Gaming. So, like the
10 previous one, I think we should proceed. The officer
11 that is suppose to come in may be tied up, so I'm going
12 to give them the benefit of the doubt.

13 Any questions or comments on the
14 proposal for new patrol rifles? (None)

15 No further questions or comments,
16 I'd entertain a motion to approve the request of the
17 ECPD for these particular rifles.

18 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

19 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

20 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

23 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

24 Next we have IDI Data Trail
25 Agreement from the Police Department. We do have an
26 explanation from Officer Jimenez, East Chicago Police
27 Department Intelligence officer and IT officer.
28 Attached are two agreements and description on the
29 agreements, need approval for IT data agreement.

30 This is an agreement with
31 investigative software to assist detectives to transfer
32 data into actual intelligence. This data provides
33 faster more efficient ways to gather intelligence and
34 gain insight on cases. There is no cost to the trial
35 agreement.

36 It includes the Motorola bodycam,
37 proof of concept agreement. This proof of concept
38 agreement is needed to move forward with the Motorola
39 bodycam. Once this agreement is signed, we'll be able
40 to buy the cams at no cost. This training opportunity

1 is for future integration of body cameras in the East
2 Chicago Police Department. Okay.

3 So, we have two proposals, IT IDI
4 Data Agreement and Motorola bodycam, proof of concept.
5 Both of them have no cost. Are there any questions or
6 comments on these two proposals?

7 MS. GUZMAN: I just have one question,
8 how long -- sorry -- it's a three-month period. I was
9 just wondering what the timeframe would be for the trial
10 period.

11 MR. GOMEZ: Looking at the fine print, as
12 soon as I heard no charge, I kind of stopped. Any other
13 questions or comments?

14 MS. GUZMAN: No, that's all I have.

15 MR. GOMEZ: No further questions or
16 comments, I'd like to entertain a motion to approve the
17 two proposals for ECPD, the one from IDI Data Trail and
18 one from Motorola bodycam.

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 from Gateway. This is
from the Fire Department. This is a copier maintenance
agreement for 36 months. Our IT Director, Kevin Klocek,
informed me that he was involved in this and it's
similar to other agreements we have with Gateway. And
because the Fire Department just acquired a new copy
machine, this is for 36 months and it's for \$1,500.00.
Any questions or comments? (None)

There being no further questions or
comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve Gateway's
proposal for copier maintenance for the Fire Department
for 36 months.

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

1 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

2 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

5 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

6 Next we come to Fire Services, Inc.,
7 emergency apparatus service policy. The item below that
8 one is also similar, Legacy Fire Apparatus, out of
9 Sherwood, Illinois and Fire Services is out of St. John,
10 Indiana. They are both similar proposals for emergency
11 apparatus service policy. This is the policy where they
12 present -- I think we approved the major policy and I
13 think the reason we are getting this is because there
14 was a not-to-exceed on the previous one because we did
15 approve the major policy when they had the four
16 different companies. Unfortunately nobody is here from
17 the Fire Department, but I think that's the difference,
18 they did not have the not-to-exceed of \$7,000.00.
19 Once again, giving the Fire and Police benefit of the
20 doubt.

21 Usually this for informational
22 purposes and usually if the department calls ahead of
23 time and provides us with an e-mail and description,
24 unless it's very technical, we'll read your explanation.
25 But for the record, we did not receive anything from the
Police or Fire Department, but we are giving them the
benefit of the doubt in case they have some kind of
incident.

So, any questions or comments on
Fire Department's emergency apparatus service policy
with Fire Services or with Legacy Fire Apparatus?
(None)

There being no further questions or
comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve the
emergency apparatus service policy with Fire Services
and Legacy Fire with not-to-exceed of \$7,000.00 and
\$10,000.00.

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

2 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

3 Next we have another one for the
4 Fire Department from Cardio Tech Consulting. This is to
provide training for the firemen for CPR and AED
5 training, and the proposal is for \$55.00 per student.
The proposal has not-to-exceed of 58 students. This
requires certification of all the firemen online.

6 Any questions or comments on this
proposal? (None)

7 MR. ALLEN: They have a not-to-exceed of
8 \$10,000.00. So moved.

9 MS. GUZMAN: The total price would be
\$3,190.00. Second.

10 MR. GOMEZ: That's a not-to-exceed 58
11 students and \$10,000.00. Roll Call.

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

13 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

14 The previous one for fire apparatus,
the not-to-exceed of \$7,000.00 was for Fire Services and
15 not-to-exceed \$10,000.00 is for Legacy Fire.

16 Now we come to A T & T Centrex
17 Agreement. I did speak with Kevin Klocek and he
informed me he would not be able to attend the meeting,
18 but did send a description in an e-mail of the A T & T
Centrex Agreement. This is an agreement for the copper
19 phone lines that we have remaining and the A T & T
Centrex network agreement for 36-month renewal. The
20 lines are charged at the rate noted in the agreement of
750 per line.

21 Any questions or comments on this
agreement? (None)

22 There being no further questions or
comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve the A T & T
23 Centrex Agreement with our IT Department

24 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

25 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

4 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

5 Next we have another item from IT
6 Department. This is the Eaton UPS Service contract.
7 This, according to Mr. Klocek, this service contract is
8 for the UPS service needed for the IT server room. It's
9 a 12-month service agreement for \$2,832.11. This is for
10 parts, labor, and travel, seven days a week, 24 hours,
11 365 days a year. This is for the center room, on the
12 first floor.

13 Any questions or comments on this
14 agreement? (None)

15 There being no further questions or
16 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve UPS service
17 contract with IT for service maintenance.

18 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

19 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

20 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

23 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

24 Next we have outstanding invoices.
25 First is Vermillion Systems. This is invoice dated
7-21-21. According to IT Director, Mr. Klocek, the
invoice was never received, for \$810.00. Service was
completed.

Any questions or comments on this
late invoice? (None)

There being no further questions or
comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve Vermillion
Systems late invoice.

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

1 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

2 Next we have late invoice from
3 Mattress Firm from the Fire Department. This is invoice
4 dated 5-11-2022, in the amount of \$21,352.32. Items
5 were received. He did inform me they were invoiced back
6 in June, but they were never invoiced again. The
7 company forgot and the department forgot. I don't know
8 how the company forgot \$21,000.00. They have contacted
9 the company and the company understands that we have to
10 go through this process.

11 Any questions or comments on this
12 late invoice? (None)

13 There being no further questions or
14 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve the late
15 invoice to Mattress Firm. They are out of Bethpage, New
16 York. That's why they forgot about it. So I'd
17 entertain a motion to approve their payment for late
18 invoice, in the amount of \$21,352.00.

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 late invoice submitted from
Public Works, from Armil CFS Inc. Late invoice dated
6-15-21 and it's for \$725.00. This is for incinerator
services. And the reason was the invoice was never
received by Public Works.

Any questions or comments on this
invoice? (None)

There being no further questions or
comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve their late
invoice.

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

1 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

2 Next one we have from Alert Alarm,
3 also Public Works. Invoice dated 7-1-2022 for \$102.00.
4 This is for Carnegie Art Center. The reason was they
5 were waiting on the purchase order to pay the invoice.
6 So I guess there was a delay in getting the purchase
7 order.

8 Any other questions or comments?

9 (None)

10 There being no further questions or
11 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve the late
12 invoice in the amount of \$102.00.

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 We have another late invoice from
20 Great Lakes Landscape for Public Works. Invoice dated
21 6-30-2022, amount of \$14,565.00. The explanation is
22 invoice was usually e-mailed by vendor. This one was
23 not sent. After trying multiple times, we finally got
24 it sent. Apparently there was an error on the vendor's
25 side.

26 Any questions or comments on this
27 invoice? (None)

28 There being no further questions or
29 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve Great Lakes
30 Landscape past due invoice in the amount of \$14,565.00.

31 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

32 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

33 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

36 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

37 Next we have late invoice from R & D
38 Construction. This is with Engineering. We have three
39 invoices dated 7-28-2022, all three dated the same date,

1 for total of \$10,124.40. The reason is the Engineering
2 Department was waiting for proposal from the contractor,
so I think that's what caused the delay, and services
were provided.

3 Any questions or comments on the
4 late invoice for R & D Construction? (None)

5 There being no further questions or
6 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve late invoice
7 for R & D in the amount of \$10,124.40.

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 Okay, we have late invoice from
15 Konica Minolta, this is with Building Department. Late
16 invoice dated 2-27-22, in the amount of \$651.31. The
17 reason is their department experienced some changes in
18 personnel. We are aware and sympathize with you.

19 MR. PORTALATIN: I think you said 651 --

20 MR. GOMEZ: I'm sorry, \$655.31. Any
21 questions or comments on this late invoice? (None)

22 There being no further questions or
23 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve the late
24 invoice for Konica with the Building Department, in the
25 amount of \$655.31.

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 we come to Dennis Radowski,
this is from Building and Redevelopment.

MR. PORTALATIN: James Portalatin, East

1 Chicago Building Commissioner. This is Dennis Radowski
2 of Sweden LLC, who will be partners, going to be in a
3 partnership with the City of East Chicago Department of
4 Redevelopment and Controller's office, in developing and
5 managing the Revolving Loan Fund account for the purpose
6 of funding the development, construction, management of
7 single family residential homes in West Calumet. This
8 is IECDA West Calumet Housing, something that we will
9 need to have and so we can move forward with that grant.

10 MR. GOMEZ: You have estimated 1,825 per
11 property, not-to-exceed \$5,000.00.

12 MR. PORTALATIN: Yes. So we are asking
13 for total of \$30,000.00 PO.

14 MR. GOMEZ: And I see they worked -- the
15 East Chicago Redevelopment Commission, you also
16 submitted this to their commission.

17 MR. PORTALATIN: Yes.

18 MR. GOMEZ: Are there any questions or
19 comments on this proposal? (None)

20 There being no further questions or
21 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve the
22 agreement with Mr. Dennis Radowski, in the amount of
23 1,820 per property and not-to-exceed \$5,000.00. But
24 Redevelopment is requesting 30,000, right?

25 MR. PORTALATIN: We are requesting 30,000
to do six homes, that is what IECDA is requesting.

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

There being no further questions or
comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve this
agreement with Mr. Radowski.

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.

1 Next we have, also with Building
2 Department, we have an agreement with Gateway.

3 MR. PORTALATIN: Similar to the Fire
4 Department, this is a new printer that we got. It's the
5 service agreement through Gateway and I think it's three
6 years as well.

7 MR. GOMEZ: 36-month agreement. Any
8 other questions or comments? (None)

9 There being no further questions or
10 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve the
11 agreement for -- a copier, right?

12 MR. PORTALATIN: New copier.

13 MR. GOMEZ: New copier maintenance
14 agreement?

15 MR. PORTALATIN: Correct.

16 MR. GOMEZ: And it's also 36-month
17 agreement. Do we have a motion?

18 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

19 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

20 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

23 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

24 Next we have Notice to Proceed.
25 This is with Actin. Contractor is Actin and the Notice
to Proceed for demolition of 417 Spring Street, 419
Spring Street, and 3606 Ivy.

 MR. PORTALATIN: Right.

 MR. GOMEZ: We also have Notice to
Proceed with JM Industrial Service. That's for 3911
McCook Avenue. Also JM Industrial Services for 505
Grove Street and 507 Grove Street.

 Any questions or comments on these
Notices to Proceed? (None)

 There being no further questions or
comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve the Notice

1 to Proceed for 417 Spring Street, 419 Spring Street,
2 3606 Ivy, 3911 McCook, and 505 Grove and 507 Grove.

3 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

4 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

5 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

8 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

9 MR. PORTALATIN: Thank you.

10 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Special Events.
11 We have an agreement with Vela Entertainment. This is
12 an agreement which should have been passed earlier. As
13 a matter of fact, I am going to request the Board
14 approve this retroactive to August 1st. This agreement
15 represents, Mr. Vela came into an agreement with City
16 Special Events where he would cover our alcohol sales
17 and our VIP area at festivals, in particular Fusic and
18 the Kielbasa Fest. Usually we do this at the beginning
19 of the year, but I believe what happened was, our City
20 was closed, as with other cities, because of COVID and
21 we have been starting up, along with other cities, and
22 some things were missed because we haven't done them in
23 two years.

24 So, we are correcting the error.
25 And as the State Board of Accounts states, if an error
is made, it could be corrected by taking it to the Board
with an explanation. So this is being presented by
Special Events. And the agreement and particulars, like
I said, basically just music fests. And I believe the
consequences of what happened, with that not being
filed, Mr. Vela wasn't able to receive his payment,
correct?

MS. GUZMAN: That is correct.

MR. GOMEZ: Our agreement will start the
process and him being able to receive his payment,
that's why we don't have figures here. There is a
percentage of what we get and that will be determined
later in discussion with Special Events and the
Controller's office.

Are there any other questions or

1 comments on this agreement? (None)

2 There being no further questions or
3 comments, I'd entertain a motion approve the agreement
4 between the City of East Chicago and Vela Entertainment
5 LLC, 4003 Alder Street.

6 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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 from Lindco, this is a
13 rate schedule from Public Works. And their rate
14 schedule has not-to-exceed of \$40,000.00. Any questions
15 or comments on this rate schedule? They do work on our
16 fleet of vehicles?

17 MR. CID: Yes, this is for our trucks.

18 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?
19 (None)

20 There being no further questions or
21 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve Lindco's
22 rate table with Public Works for 2022.

23 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

24 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

25 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have De-Vine Landscaping,
snow removal for 2022-23, Public Works. We have
different locations and unit prices.

MR. ROBINSON: Jaylan Robinson, East
Chicago Public Works. So this year the Public Works
Department is going to test out having a vendor cover
the five areas if it snows. So the Police Department,
Offices on Main Street, Courthouse, Health Department,

1 and Nunez Park parking lot. So we are asking for
2 vendors to perform snowplowing of these lots so the
Public Works Department can focus on the streets during
the snow time.

3 MR. GOMEZ: De-Vine will handle all these
4 locations?

5 MR. ROBINSON: Yes, and the prices there
6 are per push. Those are the prices per time that they
perform the plowing and salting. That's the fee they
would charge.

7 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or
8 comments? (None)

9 There being no further questions or
10 comments, I'd like to entertain a motion to approve
De-Vine Landscaping snow removal rates for the
aforementioned locations for Public Works.

11 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

12 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

13 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

16 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

17 Next we have Chicago Communications,
LLC. We have the time and material rates, and also
18 after hours for Saturday, holiday, and Sunday rates.
Any questions or comments on this rate schedule? (None)

19 There being no further questions or
comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve Chicago
Communications rate schedule proposal for Public Works.

20 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

21 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

22 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

25 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Perm-A-Seal from Public

1 Works. Perm-A-Seal will repair cracks, resurface entire
2 basketball court, and re-stripe paint at Sunnyside
3 basketball court. The amount is \$24,734.00 and they do
4 have a sole proprietor form included. They did the work
5 on this before, right? Perm-A-Seal has done the work
6 before?

7 MR. CID: They do all our striping and
8 resurfacing on the basketball courts in the parks.

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

11 There being no further questions or
12 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve
13 Perm-A-Seal's proposal for repairing of the Sunnyside
14 basketball court area, for the amount of \$24,734.00.

15 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

16 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

17 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

20 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

21 Next we have surplus items from
22 Public Works/Park Department. Also we do have a letter
23 from Public Works attached and you will find a
24 description of vehicles and equipment that East Chicago
25 Public Works is asking approval to deem surplus as
26 broken, damaged, no longer needed, and reached the
27 maximum life span for the various departments. They are
28 asking the attached list be deemed surplus, and he has a
29 list here with pictures. Any questions or comments?
30 (None)

31 There being no further questions or
32 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve
33 aforementioned items as surplus for Public Works.

34 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

35 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

1 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

2 Next we have from NWI Property
3 Preservation from Public Works. This proposal is for
4 drywall and floor tile for City Hall. They do have a
5 second quote of 13,000. NWI's proposal is for
6 \$11,100.00. The second quote from Detail Home
7 Improvement is for \$13,520.00. This is for drywall and
8 floor tile. This is in the bathroom, right?

9 MR. CID: Yes.

10 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on
11 their proposal? (None)

12 There being no further questions or
13 comments, need a motion to approve NWI Preservation for
14 City Hall drywall and floor tile in the amount of
15 \$11,100.00.

16 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

17 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

18 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

21 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

22 Next we have 2022-23 snow removal,
23 snowplowing service policy from Public Works. Similar
24 to the last one.

25 MR. ROBINSON: So it's very similar, but
two major changes from last season to this season. The
first major change is we are going, if needed, to allow
vendors to come assist us in plowing, actually plowing
the streets, if needed. If we are at minimum man hours
on the street during the night, our vendors have agreed
to the rate to come out and help us plow if need be.

And the second major change is the
hourly rate for the plowing is \$105.00 an hour, if
Public Works deems it necessary for help from the
vendors.

MR. GOMEZ: I see you already have eight
vendors that signed already.

MR. ROBINSON: Yes.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Actin, De-Vine, Calumet Waste
2 & Recycling, R & D Construction, Regional Services, Nies
3 Construction, S & S Service and Sales, and STM. Any
4 questions or comments on this proposal? (None)

5 There being no further questions or
6 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve 2022-23
7 Public Works snow removal/snowplowing service policy.

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 comes 2023 City of East Chicago
15 Vehicle Equipment Maintenance Service policy. Any
16 changes on this one?

17 MR. JOHNSON: Jaylan Johnson, Vehicle
18 Maintenance Manager, there is one change on this vehicle
19 policy. The only change on this policy is the tow
20 service outside of city limits, they are get \$4.00 per
21 mile. Everything else is pretty much the same. And the
22 other difference from last year to this year is that
23 Actin is not on this list.

24 MR. GOMEZ: For the record, we have the
25 following companies that have signed, EC Auto, North
26 Equipment Performance, 610 Auto LLC, Trevino Complete
27 Auto and Service. Any questions or comments? (None)

28 There being no further questions or
29 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve 2023 Vehicle
30 Equipment Maintenance Service Policy.

31 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

32 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

33 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

36 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

37 Next we have proposal from AMG

1 Construction for Public Works. This is the painting of
2 the men's and women's bathroom at Washington Park. The
3 amount is \$12,300.00. They do have another quote from
4 Calumet Waste & Recycling for \$14,200.00 and their
description of work to be done. Just all the other
things in preparation for painting. Any questions or
comments on this? (None)

5 There being no further questions or
6 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve Public Works
7 agreement with AMG Construction to paint the men's and
8 women's bathroom in Washington Park, in the amount of
9 \$12,300.00.

10 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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 Next we have Resolution 2022-25,
17 transfer of property to Redevelopment, sales disclosure
18 and quitclaim deed. Terms and conditions for transfer
19 of certain property owned by the City of East Chicago,
20 properties which are commonly known as 3908 Carey
21 Street, 3916 Carey Street, 3918 Carey Street, 3920 Carey
22 Street, 3938 Carey Street, 3729 Carey Street, 3731 Carey
23 Street, 3733 Carey Street, 3741 Carey Street, 4002 Carey
24 Street, 3405 Michigan Avenue, 3407 Michigan Avenue, 3429
25 Michigan Avenue, 3431 to 33 Michigan Avenue, 3401 to 03
Grand Boulevard, 3412 Grand Boulevard, 3451 to 53
Michigan Avenue, 3455 Michigan Avenue, 3481 to 83
Michigan Avenue, 3753 Michigan Avenue, 3755 Michigan
Avenue, 3757 Michigan Avenue, 3759 Michigan Avenue. The
City of East Chicago acting through Public Works desires
to convey and transfer the subject properties to the
Department of Redevelopment without monetary
consideration.

26 Any questions or comments on
27 Resolution 2022-25? (None)

28 There being no further questions or
29 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve Resolution
30 number 2022-25.

31 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

1 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

2 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

5 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

6 Next we come to Resolution 2022-26,
7 transfer of 4823-51 Kennedy to Redevelopment with sales
8 disclosures and quitclaim deed. Similar to the
9 resolution we just read. And also as in the other
10 resolution, everything will be transferred without
11 consideration and the Board president is hereby
12 authorized to execute the deeds and performing documents
13 attached conveying the property to East Chicago
14 Redevelopment, along with the sales disclosure form and
15 dated for today's date.

16 Any questions or comments on
17 Resolution 2022-26? (None)

18 There being no further questions or
19 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve Resolution
20 number 2022-26.

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.

Now we come to Sign Install and
Maintenance License Agreement. This is from the Law
Department. I did speak with Medina Rodriguez,
paralegal in the Law Department. This Sign Install and
Maintenance License Agreement is required between
Northern Indiana Commuter Transport District and the
City of East Chicago. Basically, so they are going to
clean and paint and put signage on their property, but
they need permission from us. And they need this
agreement, for the sign installed at Indianapolis
Boulevard, for another point of access. So basically
that's where they are going on the bridge structure on
Indianapolis Boulevard. Any questions or comments on
this Sign Installation License Agreement? (None)

There is no cost to the City, just

1 allowing them to have access to their property.

2 MS. GUZMAN: So we are installing the
3 sign?

4 MR. GOMEZ: It's their sign on their
5 property. Any other questions or comments? (None)
6 There being no further questions or
7 comments, entertain a motion to approve the Sign
8 Installation and Maintenance License Agreement between
9 the City of East Chicago and Northern Indiana Commuter
10 Transport District.

11 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

12 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

13 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

16 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

17 Next we have Local Roads and Bridge
18 Matching Grant Agreement. This is from Engineering.

19 MR. ALLEN: This is \$1,000,000.00 for the
20 Community Crossings Program that they offer every year.
21 This money is going towards the repaving of East Calumet
22 neighborhood. So this is just a formal agreement
23 between the City and INDOT.

24 MR. GOMEZ: We just need to acknowledge
25 this?

MR. ALLEN: Correct.

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

There being no further questions or
comments, entertain a motion to acknowledge the Local
Roads and Bridge Matching Grant Agreement between the
Indiana Department of Transportation and the City of
East Chicago, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

4 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

5 Next we have proposal from R & D
6 Construction. This is for Cline Avenue ditch cleanup
7 project.

8 MR. ALLEN: This is to remove sediment
9 and debris from the ditches along the Cline service
10 road, in amount of \$10,124.40.

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

13 There being no further questions or
14 comments, entertain a motion to approve R & D
15 Construction's proposal for cleanup of the ditch on
16 Cline Avenue.

17 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

18 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

19 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

22 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

23 Next we have change order from First
24 Group Engineering, Milestone Contractors, change order
25 number 4, for East Calumet paving neighborhood.

MR. ALLEN: This is for repaving of the
East Calumet neighborhood. Milestone was our
contractor. First Group was our hired engineering firm
to do oversight for the job and Gatlin is the
subcontractor of Milestone, to repair failed laterals
that we noticed from above surface when we saw a
sinkhole. So this is the service to repair that, in the
amount of \$9,730.00.

So as we were repaving the area, we
came across a sinkhole and this was to correct that
sanitary lateral issue.

MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

(None)

1 There being no further questions or
2 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve Change Order
#4 for East Calumet Paving project.

3 MR. ALLEN: In the amount of \$14,790.00.
4 So moved.

5 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

6 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

9 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

10 Next we have Midwestern Electric.
11 We have light for Chicago Avenue, in front of Dollar
12 General. Cost of \$9,730.00.

13 MR. ALLEN: This is to replace a pole
14 that was knocked down at the location by the Dollar
15 General on Chicago Avenue. Cost is \$9,730.00.

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

18 There being no further questions or
19 comments, entertain a motion to approve Midwestern
20 Electric's proposal for replacement of decorative street
21 sign on Chicago Avenue in front of Dollar General.

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.

Next we have two proposals from
Pintos Concrete LLC. We have one for Tod and Narva,
replace concrete, \$7,200.00. Second proposal is for
Indianapolis Boulevard at 150th, remove sidewalk,
service walks, replace with four-inch base and four-inch
concrete, amount of \$19,980.00. Any questions or
comments on these two proposals? (None)

There being no further questions or
questions, entertain a motion to approve the two

1 proposals from Pintos Concrete LLC for Tod and Narva,
2 and then Indianapolis Boulevard and 150th.

3 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

4 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

5 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

8 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

9 Next from Hasse, time and material
10 for emergency at 152nd and Railroad.

11 MR. ALLEN: This is just a way of
12 establishing a PO to pay for the emergency repair work
13 done by Hasse for the force main that exploded near the
14 intersection of 152nd and Railroad Avenue. There's a
15 not-to-exceed amount of \$750,000.00. Again, that's just
16 for the labor. I guess later on in the meeting we'll
17 talk a little bit about the material, how much that
18 cost. That 42-inch force main, that pretty much serves
19 90 percent of the City. This was a repair job that
20 Hasse had to do.

21 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

22 (None)

23 There being no further questions or
24 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve Hasse's
25 proposal for time and material for emergency at 152nd
and Railroad.

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 Rangeline, equipment rental for
emergency at 152nd and Railroad.

MR. ALLEN: So for Rangeline, this is
just strictly the line stop that needed to be purchased

1 in order to shut down on the emergency. It was 42-inch
2 concrete wrapped in steel wires. \$400,000.00 alone is
3 just for the material cost of these line stops. We're
4 still trying to get a number together for the pump
5 usage, which is still ongoing, but we thought we should
6 just bring it to the Board, an estimated cost for the
7 labor and for the material that we know so far.

8 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or
9 comments? (None)

10 There being no further questions or
11 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve Rangeline
12 estimated cost right now at \$400,000.00 for the
13 emergency at 152nd and Railroad.

14 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

15 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

16 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

19 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

20 Next we have Cam's Tree Service. We
21 have a proposal to remove trees marked with an X and
22 stumps. This is for Indianapolis Boulevard and Columbus
23 Drive.

24 MR. ALLEN: This is in anticipation of
25 project to come on Indianapolis Boulevard. We have,
26 first with replacing all the underground utilities with
27 coming up winter, there's a lot of trees that conflict
28 with the underground service lines being run to homes
29 and businesses. So they are also in the way with
30 INDOT's job, which is to widen the street. So the trees
31 where they lay now will literally be within the roadway
32 as being proposed, so no matter what, they have to come
33 out.

34 MR. GOMEZ: Okay. The amount is
35 \$44,754.00.

36 MR. ALLEN: This is just for the stretch
37 from Columbus Drive to pretty much Chicago Avenue. We
38 are acquiring prices to get the remaining portion.

39 MR. GOMEZ: The second quote is from

1 Timber Masters for 68,000. Any other questions or
comments on Cam's Tree proposal? (None)

2 There being no further questions or
comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve Cam's Tree
3 proposal for Indianapolis Boulevard project.

4 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

5 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

6 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

8 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

9 Next we have right-of-way
applications from Engineering. Permit 2022-04308
10 through 22-04306. Any questions or comments on any of
these? (None)

11 There being no further questions or
comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve the
12 aforementioned applications.

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.

18 Next we have ServiScape, from
Special Events. We have four proposals for professional
19 service agreements at different locations. The first
one is for Heritage Hall and Unity Center. The amount
20 for this total project is \$4,889.34.

21 Second one is for planter boxes on
Chicago/Guthrie, lamp posts and tree structures of East
Chicago. Total project cost for these miscellaneous
22 locations is \$21,514.40.

23 The third one -- these are all with
ServiScape -- third one is for holiday lighting at the
16 park locations and MacArthur Golf Course, locations
24 throughout the City. The amount of this total project
was for \$52,137.38.

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1 The final proposal is for two plant
2 boxes at Indianapolis Boulevard and Chicago Avenue,
3 Guthrie Street and Chicago Avenue lamp posts, Main
4 Street, City Hall, and next to the Mayor's office,
5 inside and out. This is miscellaneous locations
6 throughout the City. The total cost for these
7 miscellaneous locations is \$66,458.64.

8 I believe ServiScape is the company
9 that's been doing the decorations for the past several
10 years for the City.

11 MS. GUZMAN: That is correct. I'd like
12 to note they are going to set up and take down all the
13 holiday decor. And the timeframe, if this is approved,
14 till March of next year, March 2023. So remove it by
15 that time.

16 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on
17 these four proposals from ServiScape, these four
18 agreements? (None)

19 There being no further questions or
20 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve the four
21 agreements, professional agreements, with ServiScape and
22 the City of East Chicago.

23 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

24 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

25 MR. GOMEZ: Roll Call

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

And I believe we have no other
business.

Our next regular meeting will be
October 27, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

That's concludes our business for
this evening. Motion for adjournment?

Unfortunately I think we'll find out
why the police and fire weren't here because they had a
few items on the agenda.

Entertain a motion for adjournment.

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

4 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.
5 Meeting adjourned.

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8 Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of
9 October 13, 2022
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Dated at Munster, Indiana, this 17th day of October, 2022.

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