

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

BOARD MEMBERS

Val Gomez, President
Winna Guzman, Vice President
Douglas Powers, Member

Special Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 22, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.

Reported for Fissinger & Associates
By: Lisa Pena

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Val Gomez, Winna Guzman, Douglas Powers.

STAFF PRESENT: Carla Morgan, Rene Cid, Olga Cosme.

MINUTES: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

MR. GOMEZ: First item on our agenda is from Lot O Fun from Schererville. It's for two covers for an F-250 truck bed, french doors, standard side door, both sides with bins.

The amount for both is \$5,600. \$2,700 each \$5,400. \$200 for labor and service which will be a total of \$5,600.

These are for the Water Department. And the reason it is before the Board of Works is because the funding source is the Seed Account which is our County Economic Development Income Tax Fund.

Any questions or comments on this purchase?

MR. POWERS: It's actually \$2,800 each, correct?

MR. GOMEZ: \$5,600. It's \$5,400 for the cover and \$200 for the labor. So \$5,600.

MS. GUZMAN: I believe that included the tax.

1 MR. GOMEZ: We removed it from the signature sheet.

2 MS. GUZMAN: Okay.

3 MR. GOMEZ: If you can make sure we send them a copy of
4 our tax exempt form.

5 MR. POWERS: So it's actually \$5,400 for both, correct?
6 \$2,700 each \$5,400.

7 MS. GUZMAN: No. \$5,600.

8 MR. GOMEZ: It's \$5,400 for the cab \$200 for labor.
9 \$5,600.

10 MS. GUZMAN: So it's 2,800 each.

11 MR. GOMEZ: Any other comments on questions on the beds
12 for the two F250 trucks?

13 Questions/Comments: None.

14 Motion to approve Lot O Fun Truck & Accessories Two F-250
15 Truck Covers made by Doug Powers. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

18 MR. GOMEZ: Next we move on to a proposal from Bosak
19 Ford. And this is for two 2022 F-250 4 by 4 SD SuperCab
20 Trucks. And these are \$39,360 each for a total of \$78,720.

21 There is a government price. The original price
22 was \$89,320. There is a government price concession and
23 discount of minus \$10,600 which made it \$78,720.

24 We have the Board of Works Project Request Form.
25 The funding is from our Seed Funding. Approval from the
Mayor's Office. Approval of financing from Financial Advisor
Mr. Bennett.

We have an e-mail from the Water Department's
Attorney. Attached is information concerning two trucks to
be purchased for the Water Department with Seed money.

So it's solicited with two quotes. But because of
low inventory we only received one quote.

We are looking for Board of Works' approval at your

1 Friday Special Meeting.

2 This from Attorney Joe Allegretti.

3 And we do have an e-mail from Smith Motors where
4 they inform the Water Department that they cannot bill the
'21 or '22 model. I think that's about it.

5 The only comment I wish to make is we've been
6 seeing this issue since the pandemic where car dealerships
7 have a problem receiving stock or keeping stock. So it's
imperative to try to purchase these vehicles where you can
find them.

8 So that's the problem we've had not only with
9 these, but other vehicles.

10 Are there any questions or comments?

11 Questions/Comments: None.

12 Motion to approve Bosak Ford F-250 Truck Purchase made by
Doug Powers. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

15 MR. GOMEZ: The only comment I would like to make is if
16 we could put on the record for the Water Board to do a
17 corresponding action to acknowledge this purchase from the
Board of Works because our action is more for the funding
from Seed.

18 MS. GUZMAN: We'll do.

19 MR. GOMEZ: So request the Water Department to do a
20 corresponding action where they acknowledge our action here.

21 We'll move on. The next item on our agenda is from
22 Gerber Chevy. This is for 2022 Chevy Equinox. This is for
14 of these vehicles. The request is from Public Works.
Gerber's price for 14 units is \$25,000 per unit. 14 units
equals \$350,000.

23 They have included in their paperwork two
24 rejections from other dealerships. And it's for the reason I
had mentioned before where we have from Phillips Chevrolet,
25 they don't have the inventory.

1 And also from, let's see, Smith Chevrolet of
2 Hammond. Also unfortunately at this time we cannot fulfill
3 an order for 14 Equinox.

4 So it's the same issue where the dealerships have
5 trouble keeping stock or receiving the vehicles.

6 These 14 vehicles I believe they're going to be
7 used for various departments.

8 MR. CID: That's correct. Rene Cid, East Chicago Public
9 Works Director.

10 Yes. We're asking for approval of the purchase of
11 14 Equinox. These vehicles are going throughout the City of
12 East Chicago, various departments.

13 Also in that package deal there we're receiving
14 like a \$2,000 discount from regular price for government
15 discount.

16 MR. GOMEZ: Thank you. It does say here there is a
17 government discount price. We have a lot of paperwork for
18 these vehicles.

19 Are there any questions or comments on this
20 purchase for these 14 vehicles?

21 Questions/Comments: None.

22 Motion to approve Gerber Chevy Purchase made by Doug Powers.
23 Second by Winna Guzman.

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

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

* Next Regular Meeting Date: Monday, October 25,
2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Douglas Powers. Second by Winna
Guzman.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None.
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

* Meeting ended at 9:10 a.m.

Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of
Friday, October 22, 2021

Approved and Signed _____

Val Gomez, President

Winna Guzman, Vice President

Douglas Powers, Member

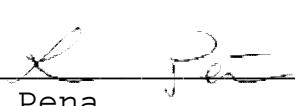
Olga Cosme, Board Secretary

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I further certify that the foregoing typewritten transcript constitutes minutes of said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Portage, Indiana, this 26th day of October, 2021.



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