

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.  
Reported for Fissinger & Associates  
By: Lisa Pena

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

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

Minutes: None.

Correspondence: None.

New Business:

MR. GOMEZ: We'll move on to New Business. First item on our agenda is the Bid Opening for 3724 Main Street from Engineering.

MR. ALLEN: First is from EJ Construction, LLC at 3560 Buchanan Street, Gary, Indiana. Total cost is \$24,200.

Next we have Nu Creations located at 4839 Ivy Street, East Chicago, Indiana. Total cost \$65,384.

Those are the only two bids.

MR. GOMEZ: That's quite a difference.

MR. ALLEN: We'll take them and we'll look at them and come back with a recommendation at the next Board of Works meeting.

MR. GOMEZ: Next item on our agenda is the 2020 Media Strategy for Multimedia. This is a proposal from MPI.

MR. SEGURA: This will be our third year with that same company. They basically buy all radio promotions for the City of East Chicago for all of our events.

1 MR. GOMEZ: And the budget is not to exceed 15,000.

2 MR. SEGURA: Correct.

3 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on this proposal?

4 Questions/Comments: None.

5 Motion to approve 2020 MPI Proposal made by William Allen.  
6 Second by Winna Guzman.

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

9 MR. GOMEZ: Next on our agenda we have Gariup Change  
10 Order Number 1 Improvements to Block Stadium Phase 3 from  
11 Public Works.

12 MR. SELVIE: Good afternoon, Mr. President and Council.  
13 Keith Selvie, Director of Public Works. What you have before  
14 you is a Change Order for the low voltage that we need to  
15 provide for the entry element that was not in the original  
16 scope. The total cost for this Change Order is \$9,113.

17 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on this Change  
18 Order?

19 Questions/Comments: None.

20 Motion to approve Gariup Change Order Number 1 Improvements  
21 to Block Stadium Phase 3 made by William Allen. Second by  
22 Winna Guzman.

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

25 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Change Order Number 6 for the  
New Locker Rooms and Press Box.

MR. SELVIE: Mr. President, this is a Change Order for  
\$246. We're going to change the actual flooring that is  
located in the press box. We weren't happy with what we  
actually picked out at first as well as we thought of some  
concerns because in the winter it could possibly buckle. So  
this would be able to stay down in the winter if there's not  
any heat or anything in that particular location.

MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on this proposal?

1 Questions/Comments: None.

2 Motion to approve Gariup Change Order Number 6 New Locker  
3 Rooms and Press Box made by William Allen. Second by Winna  
4 Guzman.

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

5 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have from Vavrek Change Order Number  
6 13 also for Block Stadium.

7 MR. SELVIE: Yes, Mr. President. This is the actual  
8 construction management costs for January and February of  
9 this year. And we ask that we be allowed to pay for ir.

9 MR. GOMEZ: This is in the amount of 13,695.

10 MR. SELVIE: Yes.

11 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on Change Order  
12 Number 13?

12 Questions/Comments: None.

13 Motion to approve Vavrek Change Order Number 13 Block Stadium  
14 made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

16 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have from Hasse Construction  
17 Change Order Number 5 for Block Stadium Underground  
18 Utilities.

18 MR. SELVIE: Yes, Mr. President. This is the cost of  
19 \$52,375 to relocate the transformer that initially we were  
20 going to keep on the 144th side, the south side. But with  
21 the new construction it's going to be obstructing the actual  
22 walkway area. So we're going to relocate it over into the  
23 park at Washington on the north side of 144th.

22 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on Change Order  
23 Number 5?

23 Questions/Comments: None.

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1 Motion to approve Hasse Construction Change Order Number 5  
2 Block Stadium Underground Utilities made by William Allen.  
3 Second by Winna Guzman.

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

6 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have from Rieth Riley their 2020  
7 Rate Schedule.

8 MR. SELVIE: Correct, Mr. President. Just for the  
9 record we wanted to add it. The existing rate table expires  
10 at the end of March. These prices will be effective as of  
11 April 1.

12 MR. GOMEZ: Is it April to April then?

13 MR. SELVIE: Correct.

14 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

15 Questions/Comments: None.

16 Motion to approve Rieth Riley April 2020 Rate Schedule made  
17 by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

20 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have a proposal from Fence Masters  
21 for 129th and Dickey Road.

22 MR. SELVIE: Correct. There was some fencing that was  
23 located over on the Marktown Park area right off of the  
24 intersection of 129th. We removed that fencing as well as  
25 taken down some trees. And this is going to be the cost to  
reinstall a new fence along that stretch there.

MR. GOMEZ: And that would be \$20,774.

MR. SELVIE: Correct.

MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on this project?

Questions/Comments: None.

Motion to approve Fence Masters Proposal made by William  
Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

3 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have from Gluth Brothers Bessie Owen  
4 Center.

5 MR. SELVIE: Correct, Mr. President. This is a proposal  
6 to complete the flat roof that sits on top of Bessie Owen  
7 Center. Total cost is \$27,218. And it should complete the  
8 project. We're currently getting the four sides taken care  
9 of probably sometime this week.

10 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

11 MS. GUZMAN: Keith, just note the second quote, is that  
12 a second quote you received? It's less.

13 MR. SELVIE: Correct. For the record, yes. NWI did  
14 provide a quote to do the flat roof. I would like to go  
15 with someone a little bit more reputable in terms of the  
16 flatness of the roof which has a higher probability of  
17 leaking.

18 So Randall is actually going to do the shingle part  
19 of the roof which he is currently doing. And then Gluth is  
20 going to finish off the top.

21 MR. GOMEZ: So they're both working in harmony there?

22 MR. SELVIE: Well, they'll be working in proximity.

23 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on Gluth Brothers'  
24 proposal for Bessie Owen?

25 Questions/Comments: None.

Motion to approve Gluth Brothers Proposal for Bessie Owen  
Center made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

MR. SELVIE: Thank you.

MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Miner Electronics. We have two  
proposals from the Police Department.

CHIEF ROSARIO: Good afternoon. Chief Rosario, East  
Chicago Police Department.

1 MR. GOMEZ: We have two Maintenance Contracts.

2 CHIEF ROSARIO: Yes. Basically when we converted over  
3 to the E911 Center in Crown Point, we hadn't done any  
4 maintenance on any of our radios. So if you were to switch  
5 the channel right now, you wouldn't know who you were talking  
6 to. It just says Local 1 Law 7 so on and so forth. So if we  
7 had to jump over and talk to Gary or Hammond, we'd be totally  
8 lost. We wouldn't know who we were talking to.

9 So what they want to do is come in and update the  
10 firmware and then program all the radios. So once we do flip  
11 the channels we will know who we're speaking to, which  
12 department and which agency and whatnot.

13 One of them is for the portable radios that we  
14 carry. And the other is for the in-car radios.

15 MR. GOMEZ: So that's the difference, one is for the  
16 cars?

17 CHIEF ROSARIO: Yes. The one that says 125 units, that  
18 would be the mobile units, the portables. And then the one  
19 that says 82 units, that would be the vehicle units.

20 MR. GOMEZ: Are there any questions or comments?

21 Questions/Comments: None.

22 Motion to approve Miner Electronics Two Proposals made by  
23 William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

MR. GOMEZ: We'll move on to Outstanding Invoices.  
First one is from Petsmart for the Police Department. We  
have one invoice from 10/25/19 in the amount of 159.41.

CHIEF ROSARIO: I discussed that with the CNE. And she  
said that it just got lost in the e-mails. We do have the  
funds to pay that one.

MR. GOMEZ: The work was done?

CHIEF ROSARIO: Yes. It was already done, yes.

MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

1 Questions/Comments: None.

2 Motion to approve Petsmart Outstanding Invoice made by  
3 William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

6 CHIEF ROSARIO: Thank you.

7 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have a late proposal from AIM. This  
8 is the City and Towns Organization Indiana. It's a late  
9 invoice from 11/4/2019. It was \$14,159.

10 The invoice was given to the Mayor's Office. The  
11 invoice was taken when Mr. Bennett was on a vacation and he  
12 forgot to file it with us. When he came back recently, he  
13 gave us the invoice. That's why it's late.

14 Any questions or comments?

15 Questions/Comments: None.

16 Motion to approve AIM Outstanding Invoice made by William  
17 Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

20 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Resolution 2020-06, Declare  
21 Surplus or Obsolete a Wrecked Vehicle from Bus Transit.

22 MR. ROSADO: Good evening, Board. Francisco Rosado,  
23 Jr., Director of Transit.

24 MR. GOMEZ: This is a 2011 Express Van Chevrolet. VIN  
25 Number 1GAWGTFA8B1102974.

MR. ROSADO: Correct.

MR. GOMEZ: And you want to declare it --

MR. ROSADO: Totaled.

MR. GOMEZ: -- totaled?

MR. ROSADO: Completely totaled. At the time of the  
accident there was a federal interest still owed on the  
vehicle. That interest was paid off.

1           We have just recently received the title so that we  
2 can scrap the vehicle. And we will use the proceeds from the  
3 scrap to be put into our Local Shares Fund so they can be  
4 used for future purchases for Bus Transit.

5           MR. GOMEZ: And that's what this Resolution allows you  
6 to do. It permits you to dispose of the property by any  
7 means of sales, scraping or anything benefitting the City.

8           Any questions or comments on the Resolution  
9 2020-06?

10 Questions/Comments: None.

11 Motion to approve Resolution 2020-06 made by William Allen.  
12 Second by Winna Guzman.

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

15           MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Certification of Financial  
16 Capacity. This is from Bus Transit.

17           MR. ROSADO: This is part of the annual certifications  
18 and assurances. Actually this document could have simply  
19 gone to the Controller's Office, the Mayor's Office. But  
20 when I e-mailed it in for the certification and assurances,  
21 it was attached.

22           MR. GOMEZ: I don't know if it requires a motion on our  
23 part, but just to be safe side.

24 Questions/Comments: None.

25 Motion to approve Certification of Financial Capacity and  
Local Share Availability made by William Allen. Second by  
Winna Guzman.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Then we have the Certifications and  
Assurances.

MR. ROSADO: Yes. Again this is an annual  
certification. It has to be signed. As you see on the  
paperwork there are ten categories of the certification that  
East Chicago Transit falls under.



1 I have reviewed each one of those certification  
2 items. And they are as normal yearly. Nothing has changed.

3 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

4 Questions/Comments: None.

5 Motion to approve Certifications and Assurances made by  
6 William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

9 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have from Planning, we have  
10 Compliance Reports. Our Compliance Director was unable to  
11 attend. But no motion is required. These are just to put on  
12 the record at our meeting.

13 The first on is Rieth Riley, Walsh Avenue  
14 Reconstruction. Then we have DN Tanks, Incorporated,  
15 Prestressed Tank Number 4 on Guthrie Street and DN Tank,  
16 Incorporated, Prestressed Tank Number 1 on Tod Street.

17 Are there any questions or comments on these  
18 reports which are included in your agenda?

19 As I said before no motion is necessary. This is  
20 just for information to put on agenda.

21 We'll move to Notice to Proceed, JM Industrial  
22 Services for 4924 Alexander. This is from the Building  
23 Department.

24 I didn't receive a phone call on this. Anybody  
25 receive any communication?

MS. GUZMAN: No.

MR. ALLEN: No.

MR. GOMEZ: I'm going to suggest we table this for next  
meeting so someone can come out and explain the proposal to  
us.

We'll move on to Resolution 2020-04, Transfer of  
Property to Redevelopment.

Resolution of the East Chicago Board of Public  
Works establishing terms and conditions for the transfer of

1 certain properties owned by the City of East Chicago to the  
2 East Chicago Department of Redevelopment.

3 And the properties are as follows: 5002-04 Kennedy  
4 Avenue, 5004 Kennedy Avenue, 5006 Kennedy Avenue, 5008  
5 Kennedy Avenue, 5010 Kennedy Avenue, 5012 Kennedy Avenue,  
6 5014 Kennedy Avenue, 4721 Alexander, 4723 Alexander, 4734  
7 Alexander, 4738 Alexander, 4744 Alexander, 4907 Alexander,  
8 4909 Alexander, 4911 Alexander, 4916 Alexander, 4919  
9 Alexander, 4921 Alexander, 4928 Alexander, 4929 Alexander,  
10 4932 Alexander, 4935 Alexander, 4936 Alexander, 4422 Vernon  
11 Avenue and in the rear 465-69 Vernon Avenue and 470 Vernon  
12 Avenue.

13 These properties will be conveyed without  
14 consideration to Redevelopment. And the Board President is  
15 hereby authorized to execute deeds substantially confirming  
16 the documents attached conveying such property to the  
17 Department of Redevelopment.

18 I believe these properties are being transferred to  
19 Redevelopment so they can enter into an agreement to develop  
20 these properties for future development.

21 Are there any questions or comments?

22 Miss Morgan, anything to add?

23 MS. MORGAN: No. We'll get them transferred and  
24 recorded. We'll get you the paperwork so you can do the  
25 sales disclosure form for that.

MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on Resolution  
2020-04?

Questions/Comments: None.

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-04 made by William Allen.  
Second by Winna Guzman.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Next we come to Resolution 2020-05.

Resolution of the East Chicago Board of Public  
Works establishing terms and conditions for the transfer of  
certain properties owned by the City of East Chicago Board of  
Public Works to the East Chicago Department of Redevelopment.

1 Properties are commonly known as 4751 Alexander,  
2 4918 Alexander, 4925 Alexander, 4942 Alexander and 4017  
3 Vernon.

4 This is an identical resolution to the one we just  
5 mentioned.

6 MR. MORRISROE: Mr. President, if I may. Richard  
7 Morrisroe with the Law Department. 4942 Alexander was  
8 transferred already in the Side Lot Program.

9 I've spoken to Mr. Portalatin about that. And just  
10 strike that one request. That is no longer to be  
11 transferred. James told me that it did not interfere with  
12 the work he was hoping to do. And the fact that it had  
13 become a side lot for Lisa Pickett was not a problem for the  
14 work that the Department of Redevelopment is proposing to do  
15 with new housing.

16 MR. GOMEZ: That was 4918?

17 MR. MORRISROE: 4942.

18 MR. GOMEZ: For the record we'll strike 4942 Alexander  
19 from Resolution 2020-05.

20 MR. MORRISROE: Thank you.

21 MR. GOMEZ: As with the other Resolution this will  
22 transfer the properties to Redevelopment. And it shall  
23 authorize the Board President to execute all deeds and  
24 documents attached conveying such property to the Department  
25 of Redevelopment.

Any questions or comments?

Questions/Comments: None.

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-05 made by William Allen.  
Second by Winna Guzman.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Next we come to R&D Construction Change  
Order Number 1 for the Deodar Parking Lot.

MR. ALLEN: This is from the Engineering Department.  
The Change Order is an increase of \$29,836.60 to add four

1 additional manholes and a 12 inch sewer pipe connecting them  
2 and to remove and replace the existing sidewalk starting from  
3 the southeast corner of Deodar and Broadway heading  
4 southbound.

5 And again it's in the amount of \$29,836.60. It is  
6 the recommendation of the Engineering Department to accept  
7 this Change Order.

8 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on R&D  
9 Construction Change Order Number 1 on the Deodar Project?  
10 Questions/Comments: None.

11 Motion to approve R&D Construction Change Order Number 1 for  
12 the Deodar Parking Lot made by William Allen. Second by  
13 Winna Guzman.

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

16 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Amereco, Monitoring Well  
17 Abandonment and Closure.

18 MR. ALLEN: This is a proposal from Amereco to abandon  
19 12 ground watering wells for our Public Safety Building. The  
20 wells need to be tested and disinfected as part of a request  
21 from IDEM.

22 MR. GOMEZ: And this is for a lump sum of \$11,640?

23 MR. ALLEN: Yes.

24 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or comments?

25 Questions/Comments: None.

Motion to approve Amereco Proposal made by William Allen.  
Second by Winna Guzman.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Right of Way Applications. We  
have Board of Public Works Permit Applications Number  
20-03500 through 20-03503.

Any questions or comments on these Permit  
Applications?

1 Questions/Comments: None.

2 Motion to approve Permit Applications 20-03500 through  
3 20-03503 made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

6 Other Business: None.

7 \* Next Regular Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 25,  
8 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.

9 Motion to adjourn made by William Allen. Second by Winna  
10 Guzman.

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

13 \* Meeting ended at 4:58 p.m.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of  
Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Approved and Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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William Allen, Vice President

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Winna Guzman, Member

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Olga Cosme, Board Secretary

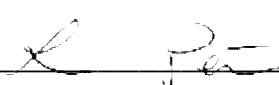
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Lisa Pena, 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 said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Portage, Indiana, this 24th day of March, 2020.

  
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