

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 24, 2020, at 4:30 p.m.

Reported by Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.

By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Staff Present: Richard Morrisroe
James Portalatin

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Good afternoon. I'd like to call to order the regular meeting of Board of Public Works for June 10, 2020.

First, we have approval of minutes of meetings held May 27, 2020 and June 10, 2020. Entertain a motion to approve minutes of May 27, 2020 and June 10, 2020.

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.

We have no correspondence. We'll move on to New Business. First item on the agenda is recommendation for Midwestern Electric for Block Stadium transformer relocation. We have from Public Works, Director Keith Selvie, after reviewing Midwestern Electric's attached bid, I'm recommending they perform the work at Block Stadium transformer relocation. Total cost of the project is \$249,680.00.

1 This is for Block Stadium and we
2 opened this bid up last week. Any questions or comments
3 on this recommendation?

4 MS. GUZMAN: I have a question. This was
5 -- as I recall -- this was the only bid received for
6 this project.

7 MR. GOMEZ: Yes, that was at last
8 meeting.

9 MS. GUZMAN: Okay.

10 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or
11 comments?

12 MS. GUZMAN: No.

13 MR. GOMEZ: No further questions, I'll
14 entertain a motion to approve Director Selvie's
15 recommendation for Midwestern Electric's bid for Block
16 Stadium transformer relocation, cost of \$249,680.00.

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 from Fire Service, they
24 have a change order for repair order. Change order is
25 an increase of \$2,155.47. Any questions or comments on
this change order? (None)

 No further questions or comments,
I'll entertain a motion to approve change order Number
2, East Chicago fire truck, amount of \$2,155.47.

 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 Special Events, Mad
3 Bomber, from Natalie Adams. Mad Bomber is the fireworks
4 display for July 3rd at Kosci Ballpark, Central High
5 School, EC Fire Department No. 2, Block Junior High, and
6 West Calumet; amount of \$62,500.00. I believe the 4th
7 of July event has been canceled, but this is the
8 fireworks event at those locations, on July 3rd.

9 Any questions or comments on the Mad
10 Bomber proposal? (None)

11 No further questions or comments,
12 I'll entertain a motion to approve the Mad Bomber
13 fireworks proposal for those locations, on July 3rd, for
14 cost of \$62,500.

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 three items on our agenda,
22 Canceled Rhythm and Soul Fest; Vela & Lakeside Contract,
23 EC and Vela contract, Lakeside Refund. I spoke to our
24 attorney, I had some questions on this because we are
25 being asked to conduct some actions on the contracts we
hadn't approved yet. So our attorney is going to look
into these matters. I don't believe there is any time
factor here because the events have been canceled. And
I suggested to our attorney she review it and get back
to us. This is Carla Morgan and she'll get back to us
next meeting. Right now we are tabling these three
items under Special Events until next meeting.

MR. MORRISROE: Richard Morrisroe,
Assistant City attorney. Have you talked to Carla about
that as yet?

MR. GOMEZ: I spoke to her before the
meeting.

MR. MORRISROE: I'll just make sure as
well. Thank you.

MR. GOMEZ: Next we have National

1 Industrial Maintenance, Inc., contractual agreement
2 between the City of East Chicago and National Industrial
3 Maintenance for sanitizing the five City of East Chicago
Public Transit buses. This is for \$100.00 per bus, not
to exceed \$7,000.00.

4 Transit Director explained to me
5 this is something they are doing because of the
6 COVID-19. They have this company that's going to do it
7 for \$100.00 per bus and not to exceed \$7,000.00.

8 Any questions or comments? (None)
9 There being no further questions, I'll entertain a
10 motion to approve National Industrial Maintenance's
11 proposal for EC Bus Transit for sanitizing the five City
12 buses.

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 Next we have Federal Protection
20 Agency. They are a security company. This is a
21 proposal that I spoke with the Chief of Staff about.
22 This is a proposal in the event we hire them for
23 security at City Hall. Page 3 of the proposal has their
24 hourly rate for a 40 hour week, between 8 and 5, and as
25 needed after five. And this is in the event that we
move to have them do the security here at City Hall.

Are there any questions or comments
on this proposal? (None)

There being no further questions or
comments, I'll entertain a motion to approve Federal
Protection Agency's proposal for East Chicago City Hall
security.

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 Emergency Demolition at
3 4511 Baring, and also asbestos removal at 4511 Baring.
4 This is from the Building Department. We have separate
5 proposal from JM Industrial Services for emergency
6 demolition of the 4511 Baring, in the amount of
7 \$14,700.00, and processing documents to accept the
8 proposal for Northwest Indiana Environmental for
9 asbestos removal in the amount of \$1,300.00, for the
10 same location. This is for the emergency?

11 MR. PORTALATIN: Yes.

12 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on
13 the emergency demolition and emergency environmental
14 work? (None)

15 There being no further questions or
16 comments, I'll entertain a motion to approve emergency
17 demolition at 4511 Baring Avenue and the accompanying
18 environmental work for asbestos removal at 4511 Baring
19 Avenue. The demolition will be for \$14,700.00 and
20 asbestos work for \$1,300.00.

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.

Next we have R & D Construction,
Deodar Street parking lot, from Engineering.

MR. ALLEN: This is from the Engineering
Department. This is to add binder around all the curbs
within that parking lot, in the amount of \$9,896.25.
The material that's out there now, which was existing,
it isn't enough to withstand the asphalt surface that we
are going to be putting down.

MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

(None)

There being no further questions or
comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve R & D
Construction's proposal for Deodar Street parking lot.

1 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

2 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

3 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

5 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

6 Next we have from Belson Outdoors,
7 planter for City Hall parking lot. This is just as you
8 come into our newly remodeled parking lot, they wish to
9 put a large planter there. This is also from
10 Engineering.

11 MR. ALLEN: As you come down Johnson
12 Street into the City Hall parking lot, on your
13 right-hand side, that is where we would like to place a
14 planter, in the amount of \$1,871.70.

15 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

16 (None)

17 There being no questions, I'll
18 entertain a motion to approve Belson Outdoors' proposal
19 for a planter at City Hall parking lot, in the amount of
20 \$1,871.70.

21 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

22 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

23 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

25 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

26 Next approval of right-of-way
27 applications. We have Board approval for permit
28 applications number 20-03589 to 20-035601. Any
29 questions or comments on these permit applications?

30 (None)

31 There being no further questions or
32 comments, entertain a motion approve right-of-way permit
33 applications 20-03589 through 20-05601.

34 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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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 That concludes our new business. We
7 have no other business.

8 Our next regular meeting will be
9 July 8, 2020, at 4:30 p.m..

10 That concludes all our business, I'd
11 entertain a motion for adjournment.

12 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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 Meeting adjourned.

19 **** Meeting Adjourned at 4:40 p.m.****
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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 29th day of June, 2020.

Peggy S. LaLonde



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR