

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Special Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

Reported by Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.  
By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Staff Present: Carla Morgan

Call to Order: 12:00 p.m.

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

MR. GOMEZ: First we have approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 22, 2020 and Special Meeting of January 7, 2021. Entertain a motion to approve as written.

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second

Questions/Comments: None

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

We have no correspondence, so we'll move on to New Business. First item is election of officers. We open the floor for nominations.

MR. ALLEN: I'd like to nominate Val Gomez for president.

MR. GOMEZ: Any other nominations for president? (None) We have one nomination for president.

1 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

2 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

3 Roll Call: "All in Favor": Mr. Allen and Ms. Guzman  
Abstain: Mr. Gomez Opposed: None

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

5 Now nomination for Vice-president.

6 MS. GUZMAN: I nominate Will Allen.

7 MR. GOMEZ: Any other nominations for  
Vice-president? (None) No others. I so move.

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MS. GUZMAN: Second.

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MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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Roll Call: "All in Favor": Mr. Gomez and Ms. Guzman  
Abstain: Mr. Allen Opposed: None

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12 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

13 Basically stays the same, I remain  
as president and Will remains vice-president.

14 We'll move on to the first item,  
Professional Claims Management, Medical Reinsurance  
Renewal. I believe we have someone from Professional  
15 Claims present.

16 MS. LOOMIS: Good afternoon. I'm Laura  
Loomis, from Professional Claims Management. I'm here  
17 in Dave Baker's place today. I think you had a chance  
to review the reinsurance. We put this out to bid every  
18 year. We market to about 15 to 20 different reinsurance  
carriers, and during our bid process we recommend  
19 staying with the current carrier, U.S. Fire. The  
initial renewal was a 6.58 percent increase. We have  
20 negotiated it to zero percent increase, no cost increase  
for 2021.

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22 MR. GOMEZ: The new policy, according to  
this, will remain the same specific deductible for  
individuals?

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24 MS. LOOMIS: That will remain the same.  
Everything will remain the same as 2020. And through  
November you had four members that hit that \$250,000  
25 specific deductible, so you will be getting back 286,000

1 -- approximately -- through November. I don't have  
2 through December yet.

3 MR. GOMEZ: Is there any questions or  
4 comments from the commissioners? (None) The  
5 recommendation is to remain with U.S. Fire?

6 MS. LOOMIS: Yes, as it's a zero percent  
7 premium increase, no cost increase.

8 MR. GOMEZ: There being no further  
9 questions, I'd entertain a motion to approve based on  
10 the recommendation from Professional Claims Management,  
11 to remain with U.S. Fire, which has an A rating, as the  
12 medical reinsurance renewal.

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 MS. LOOMIS: Thank you.

20 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have from the  
21 Controller's office, City of East Chicago, Board of  
22 Works, subject is amending the East Chicago small  
23 purchasing policy. City of East Chicago is seeking to  
24 amend that section of the City's small purchasing  
25 policy. Section 2, request must be accompanied by two  
quotes and the purchase between 1,500 and \$25,000. We'd  
like to amend it to read, the purchase request must be  
accompanied by two quotes with the purchase between  
5,000 and 25,000. That would be an increase from 1500  
to 5,000. Questions or comments on amending the small  
purchasing policy? (None)

Entertain a motion to approve  
request for amending the City of East Chicago small  
purchasing policy in the amount of 5,000.

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second

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1 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

4 Next we have Mimecast, from IT.  
This is a recurring agreement for internal e-mail  
5 program software. This is a current contract between IT  
and Mimecast. Any questions or comments on this  
6 agreement? (None)

Entertain a motion to approve  
7 Mimecast's agreement with IT, in the amount of  
\$15,519.50.

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MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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MS. GUZMAN: Second

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MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

14 Next we have from the UL Fire  
Equipment Services, 2021 price sheets. This has the  
rates for 2021 inspection services. Any questions or  
15 comments on this rate schedule? (None)

No further questions or comments,  
16 entertain a motion to approve UL Fire Equipment Services  
rate sheet for 2021.

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MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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MS. GUZMAN: Second

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MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

23 Next we have Heartline Fitness, also  
with the fire Department. This is a scope of preventive  
maintenance service, I believe this is for their  
24 exercise equipment. This will be \$700.00 per visit.  
There is also additional charges for repairs needed  
25 outside of the scope of this agreement, which will be

1 \$160.00 an hour, so based on a service call. Any  
questions or comments? (None)

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3 MS. GUZMAN: Is it 700 for two visits or  
per visit?

4 CHIEF SERNA: I believe it's per visit.

5 MR. GOMEZ: Each visit will be billed on  
completion, for the price of \$700.00?

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7 CHIEF SERNA: For the different fire  
stations because we have equipment in each fire station,  
so they go to different fire stations and do  
8 preventative maintenance on all equipment.

9 MR. GOMEZ: Usually two visits, right?

10 CHIEF SERNA: Yes.

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

12 Entertain a motion to approve  
Heartline Fitness agreement for 2021 with the Fire  
13 Department.

14 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

15 MS. GUZMAN: Second

16 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

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CHIEF SERNA: Thank you, Board members.

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21 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have National  
Industrial Maintenance Inc., for Bus Transit. This is  
for sanitation on all buses on a monthly basis. I  
22 believe pricing is on the second page. Any questions or  
comments on this agreement? (None)

23 Entertain a motion to approve  
National Industrial Maintenance Inc. agreement with City  
24 of East Chicago Transit for the year 2021.

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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 have from Lamar, Multi  
7 Media. I believe this is for our billboards and posters  
8 for year 2021, throughout the City. We have our  
9 Director of Multi Media here if anyone has any questions  
10 or comments. The price would be \$19,300.00 for 2021.

11 MR. SEGURA: That was an amendment to the  
12 previous one that you signed.

13 MR. GOMEZ: Okay. This will replace the  
14 one we had?

15 MR. SEGURA: Correct.

16 MR. GOMEZ: Okay. For the record, this  
17 will replace the one that we previously passed.

18 MR. SEGURA: This one has all the  
19 locations of the billboards on them.

20 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on  
21 this contract? (None)

22 Entertain a motion to approve  
23 Lamar's contract with Multi Media, in the amount of  
24 \$19,300.00 for the year 2021.

25 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 have Mechanical Concepts,  
Block Stadium, Phase 5. This bid package number one for  
plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning.  
Total amount, lump sum amount of \$167,000.00. We do  
have a letter from Mr. Keith Selvie, Director of Public

1 Works, this is the lowest and most responsible bid. Any  
questions or comments on this award? (None)

2 Entertain a motion to award  
Mechanical Concepts the contract for Block Stadium,  
3 Phase 5, HVAC, for a total of \$167,000.00

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

9 Next we have Mechanical Concepts,  
Notice to Proceed, on the Block Stadium, Phase 5  
10 project. Are there any questions or comments on the  
Notice to Proceed for Block Stadium, Phase 5,  
11 aforementioned HVAC? (None)

12 Entertain a motion to approve  
Mechanical Concepts, Notice to Proceed, Block Stadium  
Phase 5.

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MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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MS. GUZMAN: Second

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MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

19 Next we come to Fence Masters, Kenny  
Lofton Field. This is for 250 linear feet of eight-foot  
high chain link fencing, with one walk gate, 17-foot  
20 swing gate, exiting 20-foot wrought iron gate, for a  
total of \$15,250.00. Are there any questions or  
21 comments on this proposal? (None)

22 Entertain a motion -- there were  
other quotes and this was the lowest -- there being no  
further questions or comments, entertain a motion to  
23 approve Fence Masters proposal for the City of East  
Chicago, Kenny Lofton, amount of \$15,250.00.

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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  
Opposed: None

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

5 Next we come to Midwestern Electric,  
Change Order 2, Block Stadium. This change order amount  
6 of \$10,450.00 for the press box rollup door for Block  
Stadium. Are there any questions or comments? (None)

7 Entertain a motion to approve  
Midwestern Electric, Change Order 2, Block Stadium, in  
8 the amount of \$10,450.00.

9 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

10 MS. GUZMAN: Second

11 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

14 Next we come to Cargil, 2021 rate  
table. This is a State of Indiana salt bid with the  
15 update on the salt contract. This would be for the year  
2021 and has the rates per ton -- price per ton. Are  
16 there any questions or comments? (None)

17 Entertain a motion to approve  
Cargil, State of Indiana road salt contract for 2021.

18 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

19 MS. GUZMAN: Second

20 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

23 Next we have Altofer Power Systems.  
This was from Public Works. These are various contracts  
24 for different pieces of equipment with the City of East  
Chicago. I believe these are all generators under  
25 Public Works throughout the City. Are there any



1 questions or comments on any of these 2021 maintenance  
agreements for this equipment? (None)

2 Entertain a motion to approve  
Altofer's agreement with Public Works for servicing our  
3 generators throughout the City.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

9 Next we have Public Works, Surplus  
Auction Price Reduction. City of East Chicago is  
10 requesting the Board of Public Works, a price reduction  
for auction number 21867612002, Ford F250, which was  
11 held by public surplus on September 23, 2018, to  
September 30, 2018. They are requesting the price be  
12 reduced to 1,375, \$600.00 reduction. We had an auction  
with a surplus of vehicles that was sold in 2018 and  
13 never picked up by the auction winner.

On 10/14/2020 I started a search on  
14 who won the vehicle and found that the auction winner  
didn't know he won the bid. After reaching out to  
15 him -- and he indeed won the bid -- scheduled a date and  
time on 10/16/2020 for the auction winner scheduled to  
16 pick up the vehicle. When he arrived, he noticed the  
passenger side area had been dented. There was rust  
17 damage, which was not on the auction description  
picture. The auction winner requested the vehicle was  
18 not worth what he paid, the 1,975, due to the damage and  
still took possession of the vehicle. The damage on the  
19 vehicle was caused by Public Works being the vehicle was  
in the Public Works lot for the last two years.

20 After speaking with the winner, both  
agreed the damage was \$600.00, and therefore requesting  
21 the Board of Public Works to approve the price  
reduction. Are there any questions or comments on this  
22 request? Seems to be valid. (None)

Entertain a motion to approve the  
23 price reduction for the vehicle sold at auction by  
\$600.00 to \$1,375.00.

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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  
Opposed: None

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

5 Now we come to outstanding invoices.  
6 First one is with Safe Environmental Corporation. We  
7 have an invoice 65311, dated 9/01/2020, amount of  
\$3,360.00. Reason being, service was rendered and the  
8 invoice was received late for processing. Are there any  
9 questions or comments on this claimed invoice? (None)

Entertain a motion to approve  
10 payment to Safe Environmental Corporation, in the amount  
11 of \$3,360.00.

12 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

13 MS. GUZMAN: Second

14 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

16

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

17 Next we have late invoice -- the  
18 next invoice is from Engineering, Gateway Triangle  
19 Corporation, late invoice from 10/31/2020, amount is  
\$16.00. Engineering Department just received the  
20 invoice on 1/6/21. Services have been rendered and  
21 invoice should be processed. Any questions or comments  
22 on this late invoice? (None)

Entertain a motion to approve  
23 payment to Gateway Triangle, on late invoice in the  
24 amount of \$16.00.

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MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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MS. GUZMAN: Second

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MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

1                   Next we come to Resolution 2021-48.  
2 This is from Redevelopment, regarding Redevelopment's  
3 contracts for 2021 with various contractors and vendors,  
4 that provide efficient and reliable services. Any  
5 questions or comments on Resolution 2021-48? (None)

6                   Entertain a motion to approve Resolution  
7 2021-48.

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

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14                  MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

15                   Next we have Resolution 2021-49,  
16 Human Resources, regarding Department of Human Resources  
17 contracts for 2021 with certain contractors and vendors  
18 that provide efficient and reliable services. Any  
19 questions or comments on Resolution 2021-49 with the  
20 Department of Human Resources? (None)

21                   Entertain a motion to approve  
22 Resolution 2021-49.

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24                  MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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26                  MS. GUZMAN: Second

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28                  MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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33                  MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

34                   Resolution 2021-50, Health  
35 Department contracts for 2021, with certain contractors  
36 and vendors that provide efficient and reliable service.

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38                  MS. MORGAN: If I could, I got a call  
39 from the Health Department about North Central Emergency  
40 Vet Clinic. They want to change that amount to \$5,000,  
41 but I don't think it got in before the deadline. Just  
42 the last line for North Central Emergency Vet Clinic  
43 from \$2,000 to \$5,000. They called shortly before I  
44 came over here and said that this should be \$5,000.00.

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1 MR. GOMEZ: Only the one at the end?

2 MS. MORGAN: They called about the one --  
I'm sorry I wasn't clear.

3 MR. GOMEZ: Both should be \$5,000?

4 MS. MORGAN: Why don't you leave the one  
5 there at \$2,500, but the one on the end, they called me  
6 about that one. That should not be \$2,500, it should be  
7 5,000. I didn't realize that North Central Emergency  
Vet Clinic had two different type of services.

8 MR. GOMEZ: Are there any questions or  
9 comments on Resolution 2021-50 with the Health  
10 Department? (None)

Entertain a motion to approve  
Resolution 2021-50.

11 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

12 MS. GUZMAN: Second

13 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

15 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

16 Next is Resolution 2021-51, Police  
Department contracts for 2021, with certain vendor  
17 agreements, who provide efficient and reliable services.  
Any questions or comments on Resolution 2021-51 for the  
Police Department? (None)

18 Entertain a motion to approve  
Resolution 2021-51.

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 come to resolution 2021-52,  
Parks Department contracts for 2021, contractors and

1 vendors to provide efficient and reliable services. Any  
question or comments? (None)

2 Entertain a motion to approve  
Resolution 2021-52, Parks Department contracts for 2021.

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.  
Resolution 2021-53, regarding the  
9 Fire Department contracts for 2021, contractors and  
vendors providing efficient and reliable services, for  
10 the contract periods listed for each vendor. Any  
questions or comments? (None)

11 Entertain a motion to approve  
Resolution 2021-53.

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.  
Resolution 2021-54, Marina  
18 contracts for 2021, listed vendors who provide efficient  
and reliable services. Any questions or comments?  
19 (None)

20 Entertain a motion to approve  
Resolution 2021-54.

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

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1 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.  
Resolution 2021-55, Multi Media  
2 contracts for 2021, list of vendors providing efficient  
and reliable services, with rates and pricing time  
3 lines. Any questions or comments? (None)  
Entertain a motion to approve  
4 Resolution 2021-55, Multi Media and its vendors  
contracts.

5 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

6 MS. GUZMAN: Second

7 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

10 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.  
Resolution 2021-56, Water  
11 Department, contracts with various vendors for 2021,  
providing efficient and reliable services.

12 MS. GUZMAN: There's one correction,  
13 Gluth Brothers Roofing should be Correlis. The total  
price would be \$15,793.00.

14 MR. GOMEZ: For the record, the City  
15 Water Department -- these are projects the City Water  
Department is in need of, but they lack the funding. So  
16 the City viewed this project as important to maintaining  
our Water Department and the City is agreeing to fund  
17 these projects through CEDA. Any questions or comments  
on Resolution 2021-56 regarding Water Department  
18 contracts? (None)

I would make a motion to approve  
19 Resolution 2021-56, with the correction.

20 MR. ALLEN: Second.

21 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

22 Roll Call: "All in Favor": Mr. Gomez and Mr. Allen  
Abstain: Ms. Guzman Opposed: None

23 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

24 Resolution 2021-57, Marina Special  
Events, contracts for 2021 with various vendors that  
25 provide efficient and reliable services. Any questions

1 or comments? (None)

2 Entertain a motion to approve  
3 Resolution 2021-57, Marina Special Events and its  
4 vendors.

5 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

6 MS. GUZMAN: Second

7 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

10 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

11 Miss Morgan, just for clarification,  
12 this one, Marina Special Events is not part of the East  
13 Chicago Marina, they just administer?

14 MS. MORGAN: They oversee it. Just so  
15 the record is clear and no confusion, it's not East  
16 Chicago Marina Special Events. It's the city-wide  
17 special event contracts that they just happen to  
18 administer. I'd like to note that for the record.  
19 Special Events contracts are administered by the East  
20 Chicago Marina.

21 MR. GOMEZ: That concludes our  
22 resolutions.

23 Next item is Fissinger & Associates.  
24 We have a professional service agreement for 2021. I  
25 believe it has their rates for 2021. Are there any  
26 questions or comments on Fissinger & Associates  
27 professional service agreement for 2021? (None)

28 Entertain a motion to approve  
29 Fissinger & Associates agreement for professional  
30 services for the year 2021.

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 come to Midwestern Electric,

1 Engineering.

2 MR. ALLEN: This is from the Engineering  
3 Department. This is to provide the material and  
4 installation of two poles on Chicago Avenue, plus  
5 additional fixtures, in the amount of \$19,875.00.

6 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on  
7 this proposal from Midwestern Electric? (None)

8 Entertain a motion to approve  
9 Midwestern Electric's proposal for Chicago Avenue, in  
10 the amount of \$19,875.00.

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 R & D, concession  
18 stand. This is from Engineering also.

19 MR. ALLEN: This is to install some  
20 utilities that ran out from the building that was  
21 needed. We needed to remove in order to install new  
22 computers to stabilize the building since it was  
23 structurally failing. Those have been installed and  
24 this is the cost to basically re-hook the utilities.  
25 The amount is \$5,450.00.

MR. GOMEZ: What location is this?

MR. ALLEN: This is the concession stand  
that sits in between Block Stadium and Elm Street, the  
Little League concession -- sorry. So little bit east  
of Rand, but south of 144th Street.

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

Entertain a motion to approve R & D  
Construction's proposal for concession stand by our  
Little League area.

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  
Opposed: None

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

5 Next we have from Nies Engineering  
proposal for design and construction services.

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7 MR. ALLEN: This is for design services  
and oversight for project in 2021 where we'll be  
replacing all the striping at the intersections, which  
8 would include the crosswalks and stop bars. Their fee  
is \$40,288.00.

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

11 Entertain a motion to approve Nies  
Engineering's proposal for design and construction  
services for City of East Chicago.

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MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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MS. GUZMAN: Second

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MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

18 Next we have from Geocon,  
Geotechnical Engineering. This is from Engineering.

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20 MR. ALLEN: The Engineering Department is  
planning to do some work on Kennedy Avenue, specifically  
from Chicago Avenue to the southern border of the City.  
It's needed that we need six paving core, so that we  
21 understand what we are looking at from the pavement  
down. Total amount is \$5,300.00.

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

24 Entertain a motion to approve  
Geocon's professional services with our Engineering  
Department for Kennedy Avenue paving.

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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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

6 Next we have Robinson Engineering,  
2021 rates.

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MR. ALLEN: Their rates haven't changed.  
8 Their '21 rates are the same as 2020.

9 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on  
Robinson Engineering rate schedule for '21? (None)

10 Entertain a motion to approve  
Robinson Engineering 2021 rate schedule.

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MR. ALLEN: So moved.

12

MS. GUZMAN: Second

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MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

17 Next AMG Construction, Notice of  
Award and Proposal for 3724 Main Street.

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MR. ALLEN: Last meeting we opened up the  
19 bids -- or previous meeting -- we opened up the bids for  
work for this property. This is the recommendation of  
20 the Engineering Department, along with the road for  
construction, that we award AMG, in the amount of  
21 \$157,000, to perform the removal and replacement of  
courtyard cement, windows, doors and frames for the  
property.

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MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

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(None)

24 Entertain a motion to approve the  
Notice of Award and Proposal to AMG Construction for  
3724 Main Street, exterior work.

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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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

6 Next is EJ Construction, Notice of  
Award and Proposal for 3724 Main Street. This is for  
7 interior rehab.

8 MR. ALLEN: Correct. In the amount of  
\$461,410.00.

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10 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on  
these items? (None)

11 Entertain a motion to approve EJ  
Construction, Notice of Award and Proposal for 3724 Main  
Street, interior rehab, amount of \$461,410.00.

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MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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MS. GUZMAN: Second

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MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

18 Next we have Amereco, oversee former  
PNC Bank. This is the PNC Bank.

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MR. ALLEN: Amereco will provide  
oversight for this project, which includes remediation  
20 for the lump sum amount of \$8,950.00.

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

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Entertain a motion to approve  
Amereco proposal for former PNC Bank, in the amount of

23 \$8,950.00.

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MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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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 2201 Broadway Remediation, Safe  
6 Environmental Corporation.

7 MR. ALLEN: So that was just one of the  
8 quotes that we got. It's going to be recommended that  
9 we move forward with Midwest Service Group, for  
10 \$41,000.00.

11 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments  
12 with Midwest Service Group proposal for 2201 Broadway  
13 remediation, amount of \$41,000.00? (None)

14 Entertain a motion to approve  
15 Midwest Service Group proposal for 2201 Broadway, in the  
16 amount of \$41,000.00.

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, James F. Giannini &  
24 Associates, 2021 rates.

25 MR. ALLEN: This is their rate table  
rates for 2021 with Engineering.

MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on  
the rate schedule? (None)

Entertain a motion to approve rate  
schedule from James F. Giannini & Associates for  
architectural engineering.

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

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Next we have right-of-way applications. We have Board of Public Works permit applications 2021-03734 to 2021-03736. Any questions or comments on these work permit applications? (None)

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Entertain a motion to approve permit applications 2021-03734 to 2021-03736.

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MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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MS. GUZMAN: Second

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MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

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That concludes our new business. I believe we have no other business. Our next regular meeting will be Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.. That concludes our business for today.

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Entertain a motion for adjournment.

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MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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MS. GUZMAN: Second

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MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned.

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\*\*\*\* Meeting Adjourned at 1:50 p.m.\*\*\*\*

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of  
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Approved and Signed January 13, 2021.

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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 19th day of January, 2021.

  
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Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR

