

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 22, 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: Regular Meeting January 8, 2020

Questions/Comments: None.

Motion to approve January 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

Correspondence: None.

New Business:

MR. GOMEZ: First item on our agenda is the Election of
Officers. Do we have any nominations for President?

MR. ALLEN: I would like to nominate Val Gomez for
President.

MR. GOMEZ: Any other nominations for President?

MS. GUZMAN: I would like to nominate Val Gomez.

MR. GOMEZ: Thank you again. We only have one candidate
for President. So I will accept the position. Thank you
very much.

MS. GUZMAN: Thank you, Val.

1 MR. ALLEN: Thank you.

2 MR. GOMEZ: Now we have nomination for Vice President.
3 Do we have any nominations for Vice President?

4 MS. GUZMAN: I would like to nominate William Allen.

5 MR. GOMEZ: I will second it.

6 Any other nominations for Vice President?

7 There are no other nominations for Vice President.
8 So by default William becomes our Vice President again.

9 MR. ALLEN: Thank you.

10 MR. GOMEZ: That concludes our Election of Officers.
11 We'll move on to New Business.

12 There is one change to the agenda. We were going
13 to add the Contract for Attorney Carla Morgan. But since she
14 isn't here right now we're going to move on to the next item
15 which is the Professional Claims Management, Insurance
16 Renewal.

17 We have a letter to the Board attached to the 2020
18 Medical Reassurance Renewal and Bid Comparison.

19 The present reinsurance providers are requesting a
20 premium increase of 1.52 percent from \$441,611 to \$448,328
21 annually.

22 Professional Claims Management, the third party
23 administrator for the City of East Chicago's self-funded
24 insurance plan met with me, myself, Val Gomez and Jim Bennett
25 to review the renewal and alternative options.

The Reassurance Plan has been marketed to the most
competitive major reinsurance companies. The attached
spreadsheet presents the most competitive reinsurance plans
available.

It is recommended to remain with US Buyer. US
Buyer has an A Excellent rating from AM Best.

Would you like to add anything?

MS. LOOMIS: No. You pretty much covered it all.

1 MR. GOMEZ: This is the company we had last year also,
right?

2 MS. LOOMIS: Correct.

3 MR. GOMEZ: And as the letter said this was bought to
4 the Controller's Office and the Mayor's Office. And we
5 reviewed the presentation from Professional Claims. And they
6 had several companies. And we reviewed the figures. And we
approved of the recommendation.

7 Any questions or comments?

8 Questions/Comments: None.

9 Motion to approve Professional Claims Management US Buyer
Recommendation made by William Allen. Second by Winna
Guzman.

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

12 MR. GOMEZ: We have before us an Attorney Employment
Contract with Carla Morgan.

13 I have one question, Carla. On here it says that
14 you were appointed. It says was appointed Corporate Counsel
by the Mayor on February 1. Should it have been January 1?

15 MS. MORGAN: He did make the change January 1. There's
16 some things that Joe Allegretti is wrapping up.

17 MR. GOMEZ: The wording says was, not shall be.

18 MS. MORGAN: Well, again the Mayor made the appointment.
19 But at the same time Joe is wrapping up some loose ends,
things he has to sign off on as Corporation Counsel. So
we're in a transition period.

20 We can fix the wording of it and make it
21 retroactive. What are you comfortable with? Or do you just
want a recommendation?

22 MR. GOMEZ: I spoke to Mr. Morrisroe. He thought maybe
23 January 15 would be a compromise. He thought Joe had
mentioned it him. Mr. Allegretti isn't here yet.

24 MR. MORRISROE: I think an overlap, having two
25 Corporation Counsels for that two-week period I don't think

1 is a problem.

2 MS. MORGAN: We'll go with his recommendation. Again my
3 name is on the contract. So it's a little bit of a --

4 MR. GOMEZ: So Attorney Employment Contract for Carla
5 Morgan for 2020, this Agreement is made this day 22nd of
6 January 2020 effective January 15, 2020 between the City of
7 East Chicago acting through its Board of Public Works herein
8 called the City and Carla Morgan hereinafter called the
9 Attorney whereas the undersigned Attorney is appointed
10 Corporation Counsel by the Mayor on January 15, 2020 pursuant
11 to the Mayor's authority under IC36-4-9-6B3.

12 Attorney Morgan represents and acknowledges that
13 she meets the requirements of the position. And the duties
14 hereby extends the employment of the Attorney to exercise the
15 powers to perform the duties of Corporation Counsel as
16 described in IC36-4-9-12.

17 And the contract calls for an hourly rate of \$150
18 per hour not to exceed 130,000.

19 Are there any questions or comments on the contract
20 for Miss Carla Morgan?

21 Questions/Comments: None.

22 Motion to approve Attorney Employment Contract with Carla
23 Morgan made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Congratulations.

MS. MORGAN: Thank you. I look forward to working
closely with you all again as we have in the past.

MR. GOMEZ: As a side benefit you're going to be our
attorney too, right?

MS. MORGAN: Yes.

MR. GOMEZ: Next we'll move on to Opening/Awarding the
Bids for the Harbor Group 2020 Asbestos Abatement Properties
for the Building Department.

MR. ALLEN: We only have one. And it's from Northwest

1 Indiana Environmental located at 660 Morningside Drive, Crown
Point, Indiana.

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3 The bid tabulation for 4023 Deodar \$800. 4215
4 Drummond \$800. 3831 Alder \$1,700. 3729 Main Street \$600.
5 3905 Guthrie \$3,500. And then 1026 138th Place \$750.
6 That's it.

7 MR. GOMEZ: That was the only one?

8 MR. ALLEN: That was the only one.

9 MS. GUZMAN: Is there a total?

10 MR. ALLEN: There is no grand total just separate prices
11 per address.

12 MR. GOMEZ: James, do you want to review the paperwork
13 and give us a recommendation this meeting or next?

14 MR. PORTALATIN: This meeting.

15 MR. GOMEZ: We'll move on to the next item. Next item
16 we have is Asbestos Removal Contract between the City of East
17 Chicago and Northwest Indiana Environmental. This is also
18 from the Building Department.

19 MR. PORTALATIN: James Portalatin, East Chicago Building
20 Department. This is just requesting approval of the contract
21 for Northwest Indiana Environmental. This was one that we
22 opened up the bids here at the Board of Works. And it totals
23 \$16,815.

24 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on this Agreement?

25 Questions/Comments: None.

Motion to approve Northwest Indiana Environmental Asbestos
Removal Contract 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 the Asbestos Removal
Contract between the City of East Chicago and Safe
Environmental Corporation.

MR. PORTALATIN: Yes. Safe Environment also won this

1 bid for several properties listed in the contract for a total
2 of \$4,800.

3 MR. GOMEZ: 4,800?

4 MR. PORTALATIN: Correct.

5 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

6 Questions/Comments: None.

7 Motion to approve Safe Environment Asbestos Removal Contract
8 made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

11 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have also from the Building
12 Department a proposal from Comcate.

13 MR. PORTALATIN: Comcate is a software for Code
14 Enforcement. It's a Code Enforcement Program. Just
15 requesting renewal for this year at a total cost of
16 \$11,523.75.

17 MR. GOMEZ: Is there any change from last year?

18 MR. PORTALATIN: There is. But then the contract from
19 last year said that there was going to be a 5 percent
20 increase. You'll notice that last year's price was \$10,975.
21 But the 5 percent increase is within this year's agreement.

22 MR. GOMEZ: And you're satisfied with their service?

23 MR. PORTALATIN: Correct.

24 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

25 Questions/Comments: None.

Motion to approve Comcate Software 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 Notice to Proceed for STM
Enterprise for Demolition of 3939 Elm Street.

1 MR. PORTALATIN: Yes. It's the Notice to Proceed. It
was approved.

2 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

3 Is that 3939?

4 MR. PORTALATIN: That's a garage. 3919 Elm, that's a
5 garage.

6 MR. GOMEZ: So it's 3919?

7 MR. PORTALATIN: Yes. 3919 Elm.

8 MR. GOMEZ: I was looking at two figures. One 3939. So
it's 3919?

9 MR. PORTALATIN: Correct.

10 Questions/Comments: None.

11 Motion to approve STM Enterprise Notice to Proceed for
12 Demolition of 3919 Elm Street made by William Allen. Second
by Winna Guzman.

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

15 MR. GOMEZ: Next on our agenda we have Amereco Soil
16 Sampling at Grasselli and Chicago Avenue from the Building
Department.

17 MR. PORTALATIN: Yes. This is a request for a waste
18 pile evaluation there for a pile of dirt right off Grasselli
and north next to NIPSCO.

19 NIPSCO needs to gain access to the generators. And
20 this pile is in the way. It's on one of our City lots.

21 MR. GOMEZ: The background is five to six truckloads of
unknown source. Soil had been deposited on a vacant lot.

22 MR. PORTALATIN: Correct. We don't know where it came
23 from.

24 MR. GOMEZ: And the amount is \$4,545.

25 MR. PORTALATIN: \$4,545.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on the proposal?

2 Questions/Comments: None.

3 Motion to approve Amereco Soil Sampling at Grasselli and
4 Chicago Avenue Proposal made by William Allen. Second by
5 Winna Guzman.

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

8 MR. PORTALATIN: Thank you.

9 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Verizon Connect Mobile
10 Monitoring Service Rate from IT.

11 Kevin Klocek, our IT Director, was not able to make
12 today's meeting. He explained the situation to me. This is
13 Verizon Connect Mobile Monitoring Service. It's their rate.
14 It's a Supplies Price List for 2020.

15 It's actually a new vendor. He didn't have this
16 vendor last year. He wants to add to his vendors that he
17 reach could out to.

18 Are there any questions or comments on this
19 proposal?

20 MS. GUZMAN: Do you want to know the contract end date?
21 June 28, 2020.

22 MR. GOMEZ: On the one contract from General Service
23 Administration it has it ends in December of 2019. But there
24 is a little addendum that extends it for the record to June
25 28, 2020.

And Mr. Klocek informed me that he will come to us
around that date with an amendment that extends it to
December 31.

Questions/Comments: None.

Motion to approve Verizon Connect Mobile Monitoring Service
Rate made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Next on our agenda we have Truancy Officer

1 Carla Brown.

2 MS. MORGAN: Executive Director for the Truancy Program,
3 Marcus Jefferson, just stepped out. I think he had a phone
4 call. So I could address the contract or you can hold it and
5 wait for him.

6 MR. GOMEZ: This is similar to the other ones we have
7 had. I think this will complete the number of Truancy
8 Officers. It is similar. The rate is \$21.42. The yearly
9 extent of the contract will come to \$27,000. And it goes to
10 the 5th of June 2020.

11 MS. MORGAN: Right. She is the fourth out of five.

12 MR. GOMEZ: There's one more?

13 MS. MORGAN: There is one more budgeted for.

14 MR. GOMEZ: Are there any questions or comments? Like I
15 said it's similar to the ones we had before.

16 Questions/Comments: None.

17 Motion to approve Carla Brown Professional Service Contract
18 for the Truancy Program made by William Allen. Second by
19 Winna Guzman.

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

22 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have from HR a proposal from
23 Screening Reports, Incorporated.

24 MS. CORPUS: Laura Corpus. We used to use a company
25 called Star Security. But we want to change to this Employee
26 Reports because the break that they offer is so much better
27 than the one that we had.

28 The current or the previous provider increases
29 rates considerably. And now the rates for the new company,
30 this Employee Reports, is significantly less than what he is
31 asking for. So we want to change.

32 Also his program, the new program is totally
33 automated. Everything is done online. Everything is quick
34 response.

35 MR. GOMEZ: Before it wasn't automated?

1 MS. CORPUS: No. It was all fax and e-mails and stuff.

2 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on the proposal?

3 MS. GUZMAN: Is this retroactive to the first of the
4 year?

5 MS. CORPUS: Yes.

6 MR. GOMEZ: So it's retro to the first of the year. Any
7 other questions or comments?

8 MS. CORPUS: Let me clarify. Actually we want it to be
9 to the first of the year. But we haven't started that.
10 Tomorrow we'll start the first one. So if you want to make
11 it January 23, that would be fine.

12 MR. GOMEZ: No other questions or comments?

13 Questions/Comments: None.

14 Motion to approve Screening Reports, Inc. 2020 Proposal for
15 the HR Department made by William Allen. Second by Winna
16 Guzman.

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

19 MR. GOMEZ: Thank you. Now we'll move on to Outstanding
20 Invoices. First one is a past due invoice from Star Security
21 dated 10/11/19 for the amount of \$60. This is from HR.

22 MS. CORPUS: Right. This is an invoice that somehow
23 just got out of synch. We had a couple vacations. It's the
24 only one that I know of that wasn't paid.

25 MR. GOMEZ: But services were provided?

MS. CORPUS: Yes.

MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or comments?

Questions/Comments: None.

Motion to approve Star Security Past Due Invoice made by
William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

1 MS. CORPUS: Thank you.

2 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have a late invoice from Traffic
3 Control Specialists for Special Events. This is dated
4 8/13/19 in the amount of \$2,193.18.

4 Anybody here want to speak on this?

5 MR. ALLEN: This invoice was sent to the wrong
6 department. I believe this was for Fusic Fest. These are
7 the electronic boards that were installed on Michigan and
8 Columbus Drive.

9 And I can verify that the work has been completed
10 since Engineering originally made the call to have these be
11 installed in the first place.

12 MR. GOMEZ: Thank you. Any other questions or comments?

13 Questions/Comments: None.

14 Motion to approve Traffic Control Specialists Past Due
15 Invoice made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

18 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Professional Services
19 Consulting Agreement between the City of East Chicago and
20 CISYNC Consultants. This is with the Police Department.
21 Consultants engaged to create record management system and
22 perform other professional services for East Chicago Police
23 Department.

24 Is there anyone here from the Police Department?
25 Was anybody contacted by them?

MS. GUZMAN: No, not I.

MR. GOMEZ: I don't know too much about the company. So
I think we're going to table this one until next meeting.

Now we're going to move on to Cintas from the Fire
Department.

CHIEF SERNA: Good evening, Board Members. Anthony
Serna, Fire Chief.

MR. GOMEZ: We have one for Cintas for the amount of

1 \$1,438.20. And this is for what service that they provide?

2 CHIEF SERNA: These are our contracts. All the agenda
3 items we have here are for our contracts.

4 MR. GOMEZ: For cleaning supplies?

5 CHIEF SERNA: Yes. This is for AEDs, our annual AED for
6 supplies for all the AEDs that are throughout the City and
7 the Fire Department.

8 MR. GOMEZ: This was solely for the AEDs?

9 CHIEF SERNA: Yes.

10 MR. GOMEZ: You have to excuse me. The print is so
11 little I was straining my eyes here.

12 Are there any questions or comments?

13 Questions/Comments: None.

14 Motion to approve Cintas AED Contract with the Fire
15 Department made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

18 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have the Fire Department's Contract
19 with Miner Electronics.

20 CHIEF SERNA: It's a maintenance contract for portable
21 radios, our portable communication radios.

22 MR. GOMEZ: The amount is for \$3,337.20. This is an
23 annual contract?

24 CHIEF SERNA: Yes.

25 MR. GOMEZ: You're just renewing it?

CHIEF SERNA: Yes.

MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

Questions/Comments: None.

Motion to approve Miner Electronics Contract with the Fire
Department made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

2 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have 5 Alarm. This is for the
3 hearse, jaws of life inspection and maintenance program for
4 2020.

5 CHIEF SERNA: Yes. This is our annual contract for all
of our extrication tools, the hearse tools.

6 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

7 Questions/Comments: None.

8 Motion to approve Alarm 5 Maintenance Agreement with the Fire
Department made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

11 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have TSI also with the Fire
Department.

12 CHIEF SERNA: Yes. This is our annual maintenance
13 contract with them for the equipment that we use to fit test
the SABA Masks. This is an annual contract.

14 MR. GOMEZ: In the amount of \$1,945. Any questions or
15 comments?

16 Questions/Comments: None.

17 Motion to approve TSI Maintenance Contract with the Fire
Department made 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 also for the Fire Department we have
their proposal from Master Fire Extinguisher Service and
21 Sales. Is this their rate schedule or maintenance agreement?

22 CHIEF SERNA: Yes. This is for the year. Annually we
have to have our extinguishers recharged and/or tested. So
23 yes, this is the rate schedule for their services for the
year.

24 MR. GOMEZ: For the record it has the prices for each
25 different size extinguisher from dry chemical to CO2.

1 Any questions or comments?

2 Questions/Comments: None.

3 Motion to approve Master Fire Extinguisher Service and Sales
4 Rate Schedule made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

7 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have a proposal from Hastings. This
8 is for I believe your exhaust, vehicle exhaust system.

9 CHIEF SERNA: Yes. This is our vehicle exhaust system.

10 MR. GOMEZ: I believe we've had this one for quite a
11 number of years.

12 CHIEF SERNA: Yes. This is the annual agreement.

13 MR. GOMEZ: And the amount is for \$1,834.54 I believe.
14 Any questions or comments?

15 Questions/Comments: None.

16 Motion to approve Hastings Energy Control Incorporated
17 Proposal with the Fire Department made by William Allen.
18 Second by Winna Guzman.

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

21 MR. GOMEZ: Now we have a proposal from Breathing Air
22 Systems with the Fire Department.

23 CHIEF SERNA: These are compressors that fill our SABA
24 Bottles, our air bottles.

25 MR. GOMEZ: The amount is \$1,752.68. Plus additional if
there's parts and labor extra. Any questions or comments on
this proposal?

Questions/Comments: None.

Motion to approve Breathing Air Systems Proposal with the
Fire Department made by William Allen. Second by Winna
Guzman.

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

2 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Heartline Fitness System. This
3 is preventive maintenance.

4 CHIEF SERNA: This is another preventive maintenance
5 contract for all of our fitness equipment throughout our fire
stations.

6 MR. GOMEZ: And total 1,400 or 700 per visit.

7 CHIEF SERNA: They usually come twice a year.

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

9 Questions/Comments: None.

10 Motion to approve Heartline Fitness System Maintenance
11 Agreement with the Fire Department made by William Allen.
Second by Winna Guzman.

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

13 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have the UL LLC Proposal with the
14 Fire Department.

15 CHIEF SERNA: This is our annual testing, UL testing of
16 all of our ground ladders and our aerial ladders, our aerial
ladder inspections.

17 MR. GOMEZ: And the amount is \$5,252.50. That's for the
18 vehicles. Does that include the ladders too?

19 CHIEF SERNA: That includes per foot on the ladder, yes,
on all the ground ladders as well. That's the total cost.

20 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

21 Questions/Comments: None.

22 Motion to approve UL LLC Proposal with the Fire Department
23 made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

25 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have The Bug Guy for the Fire

1 Department.

2 CHIEF SERNA: This is a Pest Control Service Agreement.
3 Public Works is also using this vendor as well. And in
4 comparing costs to what our vendor costs were for 2019 this
5 vendor is significantly lower. So we're going to give them
6 an opportunity.

7 MR. GOMEZ: And it's 120 a month. Comes out to 1,440
8 yearly. Any questions or comments?

9 Questions/Comments: None.

10 Motion to approve The Bug Guy Pest Control Service Agreement
11 with the Fire Department made by William Allen. Second by
12 Winna Guzman.

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

15 MR. GOMEZ: Now we come to a Change Order for Fire
16 Service for the Fire Department. This is in reference to
17 repairs of Truck 2522.

18 CHIEF SERNA: Yes. My secretary advised me that we need
19 to come before the Board of Works and put this on the agenda
20 and declare the repairs to our Truck 2522 as an emergency.
21 We were advised by the Controller's Office to present it
22 before you so it could be declared an emergency and then be
23 approved.

24 MR. GOMEZ: Is the truck at Fire Service right now being
25 repaired?

CHIEF SERNA: Yes.

MR. GOMEZ: Are there any questions or comments on
Change Order Number 1 referring to the repairs to Truck 2522?

Questions/Comments: None.

Motion to approve Fire Service Change Order Number 1 made by
William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

CHIEF SERNA: Thank you, Board Members.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Thank you. Next we come to East Chicago
2 Board of Public Works Resolution Number 2020-03. Resolution
3 of the East Chicago Board of Public Works establishing terms
4 and conditions for the transfer of certain property owned by
5 the City of East Chicago to the East Chicago Department of
6 Redevelopment which property is commonly known as 4030
7 Kennedy Avenue and 508 Grove Street.

8 Let it be resolved that the Board of Public Works
9 of City of East Chicago shall convey a transfer without
10 consideration the above described real estate particularly
11 described in the attached quitclaim deed to the East Chicago
12 City Department of Redevelopment.

13 Be affirmed and resolved that the Board President
14 is hereby authorized to execute deeds substantially in
15 conformance of documents attached conveying such property to
16 the Department of Redevelopment along with the appropriate
17 sales disclosure forms.

18 Did I get that right, Miss Morgan?

19 MS. MORGAN: Yes.

20 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

21 Questions/Comments: None.

22 Motion to approve Resolution 2020-03 made by William Allen.
23 Second by Winna Guzman.

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

MS. MORGAN: With that, Board President, you have the
ability to sign off on the sales disclosure and the deeds.
I'm going to make sure that gets done in the next couple of
days.

MR. GOMEZ: It does say attached quitclaim?

MS. MORGAN: Does it? We'll make sure in the next few
days.

MR. GOMEZ: Next we have First Amendment to the Attorney
Employment Contract for Joseph Allegretti for 2020 approved
January 8, 2020.

Effective February 1, 2020 Attorney Allegretti will

1 no longer serve as Corporation Counsel for the City. Rather
2 Attorney Allegretti shall perform legal services on behalf of
the City as directed by the Mayor.

3 These services shall be exclusive of services
4 performed on behalf of the City Sanitary District and
Department of Waterworks.

5 Compensation for all legal services performed in
6 2020 will be paid at a rate of \$150 per hour and shall not
exceed 90,000.

7 All terms and conditions contained in the January
8, 2020 contract shall remain in effect.

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9 So in effect the contract we passed last meeting is
amended. The biggest change is he is no longer Corporate
10 Counsel and his rate shall not to exceed 90,000. And he will
still perform services as directed by the Mayor and also be
the Sanitary District and Department of Waterworks' attorney.

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12 MS. MORGAN: Correct. And for the work that he does for
the Sanitary District and Water Department he will have a
separate contract with the Sanitary District.

13 MR. GOMEZ: Those will be taken up by those Boards then?

14 MS. MORGAN: Right.

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

16 Questions/Comments: None.

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18 Motion to approve First Amendment to the Joseph Allegretti
Attorney Employment Contract made by William Allen. Second
by Winna Guzman.

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

21 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have the First Amendment to the
22 Professional Service Consulting Agreement between the City of
East Chicago and Robert L, they left your last name off,
Cunningham Consulting Group.

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24 Basically your change will be in the compensation.
The previous contract had an annual salary of 65,000 payable
in 26 biweekly installments.

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1 The new changes, Mr. Cunningham's services as
2 described herein for the annual salary of 95,000 payable in
3 26 annual installments. The agreement is extended to
4 December 31, 2020. All other matters not amended remain as
5 previously written in the original agreement.

6 Any questions or comments? Miss Morgan, nothing to
7 add?

8 MS. MORGAN: No, not unless you had questions for
9 Mr. Cunningham. He is here.

10 MR. GOMEZ: No. I was just going to give him my
11 congratulations for staying on another year.

12 MR. CUNNINGHAM: I didn't think I'd make it. I look
13 forward to working with the City. I think it was a learning
14 curve for the both of us. Born and raised here. It's good
15 to be back.

16 MR. GOMEZ: Thank you, Mr. Cunningham.

17 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Thank you. Thank you, Board Members.

18 MR. GOMEZ: And for the record Mr. Cunningham graduated
19 the same year I did from high school, Washington High School
20 1968.

21 Any other questions or comments?

22 Questions/Comments: None.

23 Motion to approve First Amendment to the Robert L.
24 Cunningham Group Professional Service Agreement made by
25 William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

26 MR. GOMEZ: Next we go to R&D, East Chicago Fire Station
27 Milling. We have the agreement between the owner and
28 contractor for a construction contract in the amount of
29 \$99,444.02. And we also have the Notice to Award and the
30 Notice to Proceed.

31 Anyone speaking on this one?

32 MR. ALLEN: Engineering Department. You pretty much
33 summed it all up.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or comments?

2 Questions/Comments: None.

3 Motion to approve R&D Fire Station Milling Project Agreement,
4 Notice to Award and Notice to Proceed made by William Allen.
5 Second by Winna Guzman.

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

8 MR. GOMEZ: The next one is also with R&D.

9 MR. ALLEN: Pretty much the same format. You have the
10 Notice. First of all you have the Contract, the Notice to
11 Award and then to Proceed. Total amount is \$149,920. And
12 this is for the new pavement portion of the job.

13 The eastern half of the parking lot will basically
14 undergo a reconstructive facelift with all new asphalt from
15 the base all the way to the surface.

16 MR. GOMEZ: And you said the amount will be 149,920.
17 Are there any questions or comments on this proposal?

18 Questions/Comments: None.

19 Motion to approve R&D Fire Station New Pavement Agreement,
20 Notice to Award and Notice to Proceed made by William Allen.
21 Second by Winna Guzman.

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

24 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have an agreement also with R&D
25 again and the City of East Chicago. This is for the East
Chicago Fire Station Shelter in the amount of \$21,908.28.

MR. ALLEN: This is the shelter portion of the project.
This is just strictly the concrete work for the platform or
base. Later on I guess we'll discuss the actual shelter with
the next item.

But grand total amount is \$21,908.28.

MR. GOMEZ: And as with previous agreements we also have
the Agreement and Notice to Award and Notice to Proceed?

MR. ALLEN: Correct.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

2 Questions/Comments: None.

3 Motion to approve R&D Fire Station Shelter Project Concrete
4 Work Agreement, Notice to Award and Notice to Proceed made by
5 William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

8 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have from R&D a proposal for the
9 Fire Station Shelter.

10 MR. ALLEN: So the proposal is for the installation of
11 36 by 42 steel reinforced concrete footings. This is the
12 actual shelter portion of the concrete pad for the Fire
13 Station Parking Lot Project. Grand total amount is \$20,575.

14 And again this is also accompanying the shelter
15 portion of the Fire Station Parking Lot Project.

16 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

17 CHIEF SERNA: Excuse me, Board Members, if I may. I
18 would just like to address that these are all improvements
19 that are going along with our \$250,000 training facility that
20 is there. We're very thankful to the Board and the
21 Administration for making these improvements all around our
22 brand-new training facility. That's what these all are.

23 MR. GOMEZ: Thank you very much. Any other questions or
24 comments?

25 Questions/Comments: None.

Motion to approve R&D Fire Station Shelter Installation and
Assembly Proposal made by William Allen. Second by Winna
Guzman.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Next on our agenda we have also from
Engineering GPRS Proposal.

MR. ALLEN: These are the rates for GPRS services.
There are some concerns regarding liability. If something
were to get missed, who is responsible for the miss.

1 In the terms and conditions bullet point number 3
2 it states that the City will bear the responsibilities. So
3 maybe we just table this. Get this cleaned up and then bring
4 it back before the Board.

5 MR. GOMEZ: Do you want to schedule it for next meeting?

6 MR. ALLEN: Yes.

7 MR. GOMEZ: We'll table the GPRS Proposal for
8 Engineering.

9 MR. ALLEN: Thank you.

10 MR. GOMEZ: Next on our agenda we have from Nies
11 Engineering a proposal, recommendation on Walsh & Kelly
12 Change Order Number 1 for the 2019 East Chicago Resurfacing
13 Program from Engineering.

14 MR. ALLEN: This is the first and last Change Order for
15 the job. It's actually a savings, a deduct of \$216,547.28.
16 And this is for the 2019 Resurfacing Project.

17 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions on this Change Order?

18 Questions/Comments: None.

19 Motion to approve Walsh & Kelly Change Order Number 1 for the
20 2019 Resurfacing Program made by William Allen. Second by
21 Winna Guzman.

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

24 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have another recommendation from
25 Nies Engineering, Change Order Number 3 with Walsh & Kelly on
the Homerlee Avenue Project.

MR. ALLEN: This is for the Homerlee Reconstruction
Project with Walsh & Kelly. Also a deduct. This is the last
balancing Change Order where we basically compare all the
materials that were planned out for the job versus what was
actually used. And the cost savings or the Change Order
amount is negative \$157,357.61.

MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or comments?

Questions/Comments: None.

1 Motion to approve Walsh & Kelly Change Order Number 3 for the
2 Homerlee Avenue Reconstruction Project made by William Allen.
Second by Winna Guzman.

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

5 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Short Elliott Hendrickson
6 Agreement for Professional Services from Engineering.

7 MR. ALLEN: We're actually also going to table this
8 item. After speaking with Attorney Carla Morgan we discussed
9 that the way that this agreement is set up is something that
10 is not familiar to the City. And we would like to table this
11 for the next meeting to get some things cleaned up and
12 brought before us for approval.

13 But this is I guess for the record an agreement
14 that we're trying to form with SEH to handle the design
15 services for the 129th and Dickey Road Intersection
16 Improvement Project over near Marktown.

17 MR. GOMEZ: So we'll put it on next meeting's agenda?

18 MR. ALLEN: Yes.

19 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have the Right of Way Applications.
20 Board of Public Works Permit Application Numbers 20-03463
21 through 20-03466, are there any questions or comments on
22 these permits?

23 Questions/Comments: None.

24 Motion to approve Permit Application Numbers 20-03463 through
25 20-03466 made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

MR. GOMEZ: You've got to speak up there, James.

MR. PORTALATIN: No worries. I would request that
Northwest Indiana Environmental would be awarded the bids for
the abatement at 4023 Deodar, 4215 Drummond, 3831 Alder, 3729
Main, 3905 Guthrie and 1026 138th Place for a total amount of
\$8,150.

MR. GOMEZ: That was Northwest?

1 MR. PORTALATIN: Northwest Indiana Environmental.

2 MS. GUZMAN: That was the only bid that came in.

3 MR. GOMEZ: Are there any questions or comments on this
4 recommendation?

5 Questions/Comments: None.

6 Motion to approve Building Department's Recommendation of
7 Northwest Indiana Environmental made by William Allen.
8 Second by Winna Guzman.

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

11 MR. PORTALATIN: Thank you.

12 MR. GOMEZ: Thank you, James.

13 Other Business: None.

14 * Next Regular Meeting Date: Wednesday, February
15 12, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.

16 Motion to adjourn made by William Allen. Second by Winna
17 Guzman.

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

20 * Meeting ended at 5:19 p.m.

1 Approval of the Meeting Minutes of
2 Wednesday, January 22, 2020

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9 William Allen, Vice President
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12 Winna Guzman, Member
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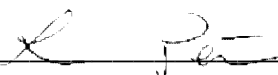
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