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BEFORE THE EAST CHICAGO
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the meeting before the East Chicago Redevelopment Commission, reported by Kristen K. Stokes, CSR, Notary Public in and for the County of Lake, State of Indiana, taken via Zoom Video-Conferencing to be held at City Hall Council Chambers, 4525 Indianapolis Boulevard, East Chicago, Indiana 46312, on May 2, 2023, scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. in the evening.

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APPEARANCES (IN PERSON):

Anthony Serna, Board President
Delainah Valdez-Medina, Board Commissioner
Randall Artis, Board Commissioner
Frank Rivera, Executive Director
Thomas Mesich, Financial Advisor
and
Members of the Public

APPEARANCES (VIA ZOOM):

Christopher French, Board Secretary
Shelice Tolbert, Attorney
Boss Reporters

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PRESIDENT SERNA: I'd like to call to order today's meeting of the regular East Chicago Redevelopment Commission. Today's May 2nd, 2023. The time is 5:05 p.m. If everyone would please rise and renew our allegiance to the flag.

(PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.)

PRESIDENT SERNA: Attorney Tolbert, would he be able to do roll call and everything from Zoom, or should we do that here?

ATTORNEY TOLBERT: He should be able to do it from Zoom. Just let him know who is in the room.

Commissioner French, can you hear me?

SECRETARY FRENCH: Yes, I can.

ATTORNEY TOLBERT: Okay. So I think we have in the room, I think we have -- as far as commissioners go, we have President Serna. We have Commissioner Valdez-Medina and Commissioner Artis.

PRESIDENT SERNA: All right. So Mr. Secretary, roll call, please.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Here.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Present.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French? Present.

Anthony Serna?

PRESIDENT SERNA: Present. We have four out of our five commissioners here. Absent at this time is Vice President Christine Russell.

We'll move on to the next item on the agenda is approval of regular meeting minutes from April 18th, 2023. I'll entertain a motion to approve those minutes.

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: So moved, Valdez-Medina.

COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Second, Randy Artis.

PRESIDENT SERNA: Motion made by Commissioner Valdez-Medina, second by Commissioner Artis. Any questions on the motion?

Mr. Secretary, roll call.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Yes.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Yes.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French? Present (sic).

Anthony Serna?

PRESIDENT SERNA: Yes. Motion carried.

Next item on the agenda is approval of the dockets.

DIRECTOR RIVERA: Good evening, Mr. President. Good evening, the rest of the Commissioners, Shelice Tolbert, our attorney, and Ms. Kristen from Boss Reporters.

Okay. We go to the first docket, which is the City of East Chicago accounts payable warrant report dated 4/26/2023. The total amount -- oh, I'm sorry. Warrant number is 050223RD in the amount of $278,115.86. If I could have a motion, please.

COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Randy Artis, so moved.

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Second, Valdez-Medina.

PRESIDENT SERNA: Motion made by Commissioner Artis, second by Commissioner Valdez-Medina. Any questions on the motion?

Mr. Secretary, roll call.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French? Yes.

Anthony Serna?

PRESIDENT SERNA: Yes. Motion carries.

DIRECTOR RIVERA: Thank you.

We go on to our second accounts payable warrant report for the City of East Chicago, and it's dated 4/26/2023, and the warrant number is 050323RD in the amount of $322,960.63. If I could have a motion, please.

COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Randy Artis, so moved.

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Second, Valdez-Medina.

PRESIDENT SERNA: Motion to approve by Commissioner Artis, second by Commissioner Valdez-Medina. Any questions on the motion?

Secretary -- Mr. Secretary, roll call.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Yes.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French? Yes.

Anthony Serna?

PRESIDENT SERNA: Yes. Motion carries.

DIRECTOR RIVERA: Thank you.

Now we go on to our Harborside Apartments Vendor Aging Report, and it's based on the billing date as of 04/25/2023, for a total of amount of $35,426.98. If I could have a motion, please.

COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Randy Artis, so moved.

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Second, Valdez-Medina.

PRESIDENT SERNA: Motion made by Commissioner Artis, second by Commissioner Valdez-Medina. Any questions on the motion?

Mr. Secretary, roll call.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French?

Yes.

Anthony Serna?

PRESIDENT SERNA: Yes. Motion carries.

DIRECTOR RIVERA: Thank you very much.

Now we go on to our next action item, and our action item is a motion to approve a request for purchase order for Amereco Incorporated for professional services for new construction in the West Calumet neighborhood.

Amereco, Inc., submitted Proposal No. P23.2814.R1, dated January 30th, for environmental consulting services regarding new construction in the West Calumet neighborhood. A request for purchase order for Amereco Incorporated in the amount of $3,478. Funding is to be secured with CEDIT funds approved by Jim Bennett, and his approval is attached.

Action is recommended to approve the request for purchase order for Amereco, Inc., for professional services and authorize the Executive Director to sign the necessary documents. It is recommended the following motion be adopted verbatim.

PRESIDENT SERNA: I'll entertain a motion to approve the request for purchase order for Amereco Incorporated for professional services for new construction in the West Calumet neighborhood in the amount of $3,478 and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the necessary documents.

COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Randy Artis, so moved.

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Second, Valdez-Medina.

PRESIDENT SERNA: Motion made by Commissioner Artis, second by Commissioner Valdez-Medina. Any questions on the motion?

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: I do have a question real quick. The EPA that puts out a notice, this strictly does not have -- this part of the project has nothing to do with the other West Side Calumet area; is that correct?

DIRECTOR RIVERA: No. This is just a proposal that they proposed to us. The $3,478, we're just paying for it.

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Okay. But it's separate?

DIRECTOR RIVERA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SERNA: Any other questions on the motion?

Mr. Secretary, roll call.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French? Yes.

Anthony Serna?

PRESIDENT SERNA: Yes. Motion carries.

Next item on the agenda is public expression. Do we have any public expression? Public expression? Any public expression?

There being none, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER ARTIS: Randy Artis, so moved.

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Second, Valdez-Medina.

PRESIDENT SERNA: Motion made by

Commissioner Artis, second by Commissioner Valdez-Medina.

Mr. Secretary, roll call.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Randall Artis?

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Delainah Valdez-Medina?

COMMISSIONER VALDEZ-MEDINA: Yes.

SECRETARY FRENCH: Christopher French? Yes.

Anthony Serna?

PRESIDENT SERNA: Yes. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned.

(MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 5:12 PM.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, KRISTEN K. STOKES, CSR, Notary Public in and for the County of Lake, State of Indiana, do hereby certify that I reported in machine shorthand the foregoing proceedings had in the above-entitled matter, at the time and place herein set forth; and I do further certify that the foregoing transcript, consisting of 14 (fourteen) typewritten pages, is a true and correct transcript of my said stenographic notes.

Signed this 8th day of May, 2023.



KRISTEN K. STOKES
CSR# 084-003723
My Commission Expires: 8/27/23
Notary Public: Lake County, Indiana

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023
APPROVED & SIGNED TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023

Anthony Serna
President

Christopher French
Secretary

Delainah Valdez-Medina
Commissioner

Randall Artis
Commissioner

Frank Rivera
Executive Director

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