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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 12, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.
Reported for Fissinger & Associates
By: Lisa Pena

CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Val Gomez, Winna Guzman.

MR. GOMEZ: We do have a quorum.

STAFF PRESENT: Jaylan Robinson, Richard Morrisroe, Julio Arichavala, Natalie Adams, Olga Cosme.

MINUTES: Regular Meeting April 14, 2022 and April 28, 2022.

Questions/Comments: None.

Motion to approve April 14, 2022 and April 28, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes made by Val Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.
Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None
Opposed: None Motion Carries.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

MR. GOMEZ: We'll move on to New Business. First item on our agenda is Bid Opening for Columbus Drive Conduit and Outlets Installation from Engineering. We have one bid only for this.

The bid is from Midwestern Electric providing a budget proposal for installation of conduit and control and facilitate installation of decoration outlets at multiple locations on Columbus Drive.

1 The work is broken down as follows: Conduit,
2 waterproof outlets, waterproof outlets and boxes. Total cost
3 \$147,800.

4 And this is supposed to be reviewed by our Project
5 Manager, Keith Selvie. So we will forward this to
6 Mr. Selvie. And next meeting hopefully we'll have his
7 recommendation.

8 Next item on our agenda is Bid Opening for Alley
9 and Sidewalks. This is from Engineering.

10 The first one is for the Alley Resurfacing Project
11 1 to 4. This one is from R&D Construction, 1015 East 149th
12 Street, East Chicago, Indiana.

13 R&D Construction's total proposal for Project 1
14 \$120,300. Project 2 \$122,100. Project 3 \$124,000. And
15 Project 4 \$119,400.

16 And that was for Alley Resurfacing Projects 1
17 through 4.

18 So there's only one bid for the Alley Resurfacing.
19 And you sent out how many requests for bids for this?

20 MR. ARICHAVALA: 15 days ago, 7 days, 11. R&D
21 Construction, Perm-a-Seal, Calumet Waste, Richardson
22 Disposal.

23 MR. GOMEZ: And this is only bid we received?

24 MR. ARICHAVALA: Only one. I want to review this now.
25 And maybe in 10 minutes I give the answer.

26 MR. GOMEZ: You have the option to accept it or to
27 rebid. So you have to look at it. And if you think this
28 price is fair, you can accept this one or if you want to
29 rebid.

30 So you'll come back with your recommendation on
31 this one?

32 Next we received only one bid for the Concrete Slab
33 Project Number 1. It's also from R&D Construction at 1015
34 East 149th Street, East Chicago.

35 This for this bid you sent out four too, right?
36 Same people basically?

1 MR. ARICHAVALA: Yes. Same people.

2 MR. GOMEZ: Total proposal for Project 1 for concrete
3 sidewalks at various location \$130,368.

4 Just like the other one you'll review it. You have
5 the same options.

6 You're going to try to get a recommendation by end
7 of this meeting?

8 MR. ARICHAVALA: Yeah. Because this is only one
9 project. The other one is four projects. Thank you.

10 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have the Bid Openings for Patches at
11 Riley and Dock also from Engineering. And also we only
12 received one bid from the same company.

13 And you did submit the four different companies?

14 By the way do we have documentation, Olga, that we
15 submitted to four people, the companies that were requested?

16 MS. COSME: For these others, yes. We have seven-day
17 letters sent out.

18 MR. GOMEZ: For this one?

19 MS. COSME: For this one Julio sent out e-mail requests.

20 MR. GOMEZ: For road patching Riley and Dock amount is
21 \$22,700. Once again this is R&D Construction. And this is
22 for the Riley and Dock Avenue patching.

23 MS. GUZMAN: Julio, I'm sorry. I just have a question
24 if it's okay?

25 MR. GOMEZ: Yeah.

MS. GUZMAN: As far as any other company did they
respond as to why? Did they say they just didn't have time?

MR. ARICHAVALA: They have too many jobs.

MS. GUZMAN: So they didn't respond?

MR. ARICHAVALA: And the patching nobody wants to do
because it's hard work patching small things. And the
companies really don't want to lose time for only 15,

1 \$20,000.

2 Patching is more problem for the City because
3 nobody wants to do.

4 And the alleys the companies are too busy now. But
5 I want to repeat the alleys because I don't want to really --
6 I don't know how the law is. But I don't want to give the
7 four projects to one company.

8 I give to just one, even three I'm going to repeat
9 one more time because we need another company.

10 MR. GOMEZ: So when you review the bids for the alleys,
11 you're thinking of just giving one?

12 MR. ARICHAVALA: Yeah. For the alleys it's a more
13 problem because in concrete the patches R&D and Pinto know a
14 lot to this. But Pinto I don't know why they don't want now.
15 They have maybe too many jobs.

16 MR. GOMEZ: A lot of cities and towns received that
17 American Recovery money. And contractors can pick and choose
18 basically right now. So that's a problem. I know that's
19 happening with other cities.

20 Next item on our agenda is Marketing Partnership
21 International. This is for Multimedia. This is an
22 Advertising Agency Agreement.

23 This Advertising Agency Agreement is made effective
24 12th of May between Marketing Partnership International and
25 City of East Chicago.

The engagement is the Agency agrees to render
advertising services in connection with advertising the
advertiser's planning, preparing and placement of
advertisements for certain of the advertiser's product as
follows.

We're the advertiser by the way.

And that's basically to create, prepare, submit
advertising ideas and programs and propose services.

This is from Multimedia. The amount of this
proposal is \$25,000.

He has included an invoice already. And he breaks

1 down the cost. And also there's different events.

2 Apparently Multimedia wants to hire them to
3 publicize the events we're going to have this summer in the
4 upcoming season from June to October.

5 This is all we received from Multimedia, right?

6 Any questions or comments on this proposal?

7 Questions/Comments: None.

8 Motion to approve Marketing Partnerships International
9 Proposal made by Val Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

12 MR. GOMEZ: Next item on our agenda from the Fire
13 Department, Cascade System Auction.

14 We have a letter attached, final description of a
15 Cascade Fill Station in which the East Chicago Fire
16 Department is asking for approval to deem surplus.

17 The attached item is no longer needed. The Fire
18 Department recently upgraded the Cascade Fill System. Please
19 contact me if you have any questions.

20 Respectfully, Jaylan Robinson.

21 And they include pictures of this system that they
22 want to declare surplus.

23 Just for information this system is what fills up
24 the Fire Department's air bottles for the firemen. And they
25 did have a replacement.

Any questions on this request for surplus?

MS. GUZMAN: Would this item be auctioned off at a
certain point?

MR. ROBINSON: Jaylan Robinson, East Chicago Public
Works.

So this is deemed surplus so we can auction it off.
So it will be auctioned off via publicsurplus.com.

1 MR. GOMEZ: You'll be surprised. A lot of Volunteer
2 Fire Departments will swoop this up hopefully.

3 Any other questions or comments?

4 Questions/Comments: None.

5 Motion to approve Fire Department Cascade System Surplus made
6 by Val Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

9 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Request for Auction for
10 Building Department's Vehicle.

11 We have a letter. Attached you will find a
12 description of the Building Department Vehicle 5128.

13 East Chicago Public Works Department is asking for
14 approval to deem surplus the attached vehicle. It requires
15 major repairs that exceed the value of the vehicle.

16 This is from Jaylan Robinson who is before us,
17 Public Works Manager. And he includes various documents and
18 information on this vehicle.

19 It says that the vehicle needs a new transmission
20 and also needs a new exhaust.

21 Any questions or comments on this proposal?

22 Questions/Comments: None.

23 Motion to approve Building Department Vehicle Surplus made by
24 Val Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Next item on our agenda is Chicago Tire 2022
Rates from Public Works. And they have provided their rates
for 2022.

Are there any questions or comments on this rate
schedule?

1 Questions/Comments: None.

2 Motion to approve Chicago Tire 2022 Rate Schedule made by Val
3 Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

6 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Northwest Indiana Ford Service
7 Department Hourly Rates. This is also from Public Works.
8 And they appear to be for diesel vehicles and gas vehicles.

9 Any questions or comments on this rate schedule?

10 These are different. These are several Ford
11 Dealerships.

12 MR. ROBINSON: Yeah. These all the Ford Dealerships in
13 the area.

14 MR. GOMEZ: For the record we have the rates for Bosak
15 Ford out of Burns Harbor, Webb Ford out of Highland, Art Hill
16 Ford out of Merrillville, Paul Heuring Ford out of Hobart and
17 Currie Motors Ford out of Valpo. And they all have their
18 rates, gas rates and diesel rates.

19 Any questions or comments?

20 MS. GUZMAN: This is for the Police Department
21 specifically?

22 MR. ROBINSON: No. This is specific to all 2017 and
23 newer vehicles. But we recently started sending with regards
24 to the Police Department all their vehicles to Ford.

25 MR. GOMEZ: These are gas and diesel vehicles.

MR. ROBINSON: Again all across the board all
Departments anything 2017 and newer goes to Ford for service.

MS. GUZMAN: I was just asking because it says at the
bottom of it Police Department.

MR. GOMEZ: It does have a not to exceed 50,000 for
Police Department.

MR. ROBINSON: Per se this one probably is just for the
Police Department for the rate, for the new rate because we
were going to have this approved once before.

1 The Police Department opened a PO. These are the
2 rates for just them. But these are the same rates that were
3 approved earlier this year.

4 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or comments?

5 Questions/Comments: None.

6 Motion to approve Northwest Indiana Ford Dealerships Rate
7 Schedules made by Val Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

10 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Outstanding Invoices. The
11 first one is from Abel Paper and Janitorial Supply from
12 Public Works. We have invoices dated from 2/14/2022 through
13 2/20/2022 for a total of \$5,037.47.

14 The explanation from Public Works is invoices were
15 never submitted by the Operational Manager, Keith McGuire.
16 It was only noticed by the office due to the company leaving
17 a voice mail stating our account is past due.

18 It has been stated to the Operation Manager that he
19 must turn in receipts or invoices to the office and the
20 office will provide him with a copy.

21 Services were provided I imagine?

22 MR. ROBINSON: Yes, they were.

23 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

24 Questions/Comments: None.

25 Motion to approve Abel Paper and Janitorial Supply
Outstanding Invoices made by Val Gomez. Second by Winna
Guzman.

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

 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Late Invoice from NITCO. This
is from IT. IT director supplied this a request for two late
invoices for payment. And they're dated 2/1/22 and 3/1/22
for a total of \$3,800.

 Explanation the original claims for February and

1 March were misplaced. And it does say services were
2 provided.

3 I spoke to him earlier. He could not attend the
4 meeting.

5 Are there any questions or comments?

6 Questions/Comments: None.

7 Motion to approve NITCO Outstanding Invoices made by Val
8 Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

11 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have late invoices. This is from
12 the Court, Canon Financial Services. This is a late invoice
13 dated 1/13/2022 for \$272.

14 The explanation from the Court is the past due
15 balance is a result of the January 2022 invoice never being
16 received in the mail.

17 They have included several invoices paid for this
18 vendor from January 21 to present.

19 Any questions or comments on this late invoice?

20 Questions/Comments: None.

21 Motion to approve Canon Financial Services Outstanding
22 Invoice made by Val Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

25 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have another invoice from the Court.
This is from 10/3/2020 in the amount of 471.

The explanation from the Court is the purchase
order created for West Publishing Corporation in the amount
of 471 is for charges incurred in October 2020. The balance
is a result of purchase order being requested, but not issued
and then liquidated the year of 2020.

Furthermore a purchase order was requested and
generated on January 2021. Claim was submitted for payments
earlier than opened balance.

1 As a result the past due amount was never paid.
2 And your approval is warranted to reconcile this account.

3 I believe they submitted a request in 2020 too late
4 when the books were closed. And then their appeal was
5 liquidated at the end of the year. So they weren't able to
6 pay it.

7 Any questions or comments?

8 Questions/Comments: None.

9 Motion to approve Thomas Reuter Outstanding Invoice made by
10 Val Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

13 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have a late invoice from Robinson
14 Engineering. This is from the Engineering Department. And
15 it is dated 9/20/21 in the amount of 3,641.

16 Explanation invoice was received on time. However
17 there was a misunderstanding on which purchase order the
18 invoice should be processed against since there were
19 different projects on the same invoice.

20 Services have been rendered and invoice should be
21 processed.

22 Any questions on this late invoice?

23 Questions/Comments: None.

24 Motion to approve Robinson Engineering Outstanding Invoice
25 made by Val Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

28 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have a late invoice from R&D
29 Construction. We have five late invoices. They're dated
30 from 11/24/21 through 12/7/21. And they total \$15,993.

31 Explanation the invoices were received from
32 contractor on April 28, 2022 when inquiring on payment.
33 Services have been rendered and invoices should being
34 processed.

1 So the contractor sent the invoices late.

2 Any questions or comments?

3 Questions/Comments: None.

4 Motion to approve R&D Construction Outstanding Invoices made
by Val Gomez. 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. This is from the
Police Department from Sample Polygraph Services.

8 And this is a proposal whereby they will provide
9 pre-employment tests at the East Chicago Police Department at
a rate of \$200 per test from April 1 to December 31.

10 So this is their pre-employment polygraph rates for
11 2022.

12 Any questions or comments on Sample Polygraph's
13 pre-employment polygraph rates for 2022 in the amount of 200
per test?

14 MS. GUZMAN: Do we have a not to exceed amount? It's
not noted.

15 MR. GOMEZ: I think they just go by the number of
16 candidates they call up. I don't think it's going to be very
high because we have a 200 rate.

17 But we will inquire if they want to put a not to
18 exceed on there.

19 MS. GUZMAN: Normally it's 5,000.

20 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or comments?

21 Questions/Comments: None.

22 Motion to approve Sample Polygraph Services, LLC 2022
23 Pre-Employment Rates made by Val Gomez. Second by Winna
Guzman.

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

1 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have from Special Events, we have
2 Mad Bomber Fireworks, two proposals. One is for Block
3 Stadium. And that is for the 21st of May. And the amount
4 for this is 5,000.

5 The other proposal is for 16,000. That is for
6 Fusic Fest. That's for August 6 and August 7. Each day will
7 be 8,000.

8 Are there any questions or comments on the
9 proposals from Mad Bomber for these two events?

10 Questions/Comments: None.

11 Motion to approve Mad Bomber Fireworks Proposals made by Val
12 Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

15 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have from Special Events, we have
16 Donation Checks. Special Events, they have a special form
17 they send out for donations with different levels of
18 donations.

19 We have the following donations that they have
20 received. Ameristar Casino \$10,000 donation. Tradebe
21 \$10,000 donation. Randall Metals \$10,000 donation, DLZ
22 Indiana, LLC \$1,000 donation.

23 Are there any questions or comments on the
24 donations?

25 So the was entered, put on the record that they
26 have received these donations.

27 Any questions or comments?

28 Questions/Comments: None.

29 Motion to enter into record Special Events Donations made by
30 Val Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

33 MR. GOMEZ: Next also from Special Events we have a
34 proposal from Together Productions. This is for Fusic Fest.
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1 For the record it's on Saturday, August 6. It's on
2 the first day of Fusic Fest. The compensation agreed to
3 would be \$3,000. Plus we provide sound and lights systems on
4 the night of performance.

5 Any questions or comments on this proposal from
6 Together Productions?

7 Questions/Comments: None.

8 Motion to approve Together Productions Fusic Fest Proposal
9 made by Val Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

12 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have DJ Manuel Getdown. This is for
13 Salsa Fest. This is also from Special Events. And this
14 proposal is for \$1,000.

15 It does have his contract here. And it's Carlos
16 Manuel Feliciano for the record. And it is for Salsa Fest on
17 Saturday, July 30.

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

20 Questions/Comments: None.

21 Motion to approve DJ Manuel Getdown Salsa Fest Proposal made
22 by Val Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

25 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have the Caribe Project. It's for
Salsa Fest. This is for 1,500 to Carlos Santiago on the day
of the event.

So it's a band performance for Salsa Fest. And
Salsa Fest is the Puerto Rican Fest on July 30.

Any questions or comments on this proposal?

1 Questions/Comments: None.

2 Motion to approve Caribe Project Salsa Fest Proposal made by
3 Val Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

6 MR. GOMEZ: Next on our agenda we have Vela LLC
7 Contracts for Fusic Fest.

8 First Personal Service Agreement whereby the City
9 is interested in booking and engaging a musical performance
10 of Cuisillos on Sunday, August 7, 2022 for \$50,000.

11 And the agreement stated in the contract we pay the
12 artist a deposit 15,000 by wire prior to event and the
13 balance 35,000 by cashier check or wire on the day of the
14 event.

15 And as in the past Vela LLC, they are agent to
16 acquire these acts. And for that we pay him 8 percent.

17 That's why the performer would get 50,000 and Vela
18 LLC will receive 8 percent, 4,000, for a total of 54,000.

19 Any other questions or comments on this Personal
20 Service Agreement?

21 Questions/Comments: None.

22 Motion to approve Vella, LLC Fusic Fest Cuisillos Personal
23 Service Agreement made by Val Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

MR. GOMEZ: The second Personal Service Agreement and
this is for also for Fusic Fest, we're interested in musical
performance of Pequenos Musical. It's for \$20,000.

And it's the same condition as the previous one
where the performer receives 20,000. Vela LLC for acquiring
the act will receive the 8 percent or 1,600 for a total of
21,600.

Are there any questions or comments on this
proposal?

1 Questions/Comments: None.

2 Motion to approve Vela LLC Fusic Fest Pequenos Musical
3 Personal Service Agreement made by Val Gomez. Second by
4 Winna Guzman.

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

6 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have JLM Productions LLC, the
7 Backline Stage Equipment for Elvis Crespo. This is also for
8 Fusic Fest.

9 This is for additional backline stage lighting,
10 sound and items needed for the artist for Fusic Fest. The
11 amount of this proposal is 3,840.

12 And then the invoice he has for deejay backline
13 Elvis Crespo and backline delivery and tech all day, band
14 risers and deejay risers, symbols and batteries, et cetera
15 for a total 3,844.

16 Any questions or comments on this proposal?

17 Questions/Comments: None.

18 Motion to approve JLM Productions LLC Backline Stage
19 Equipment Proposal made by Val Gomez. Second by Winna
20 Guzman.

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

23 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have a proposal for deejay for Fusic
24 Fest on Saturday night, August 6, 2022. This is for Damani
25 E. King. And the proposal is for \$1,000. And the invoice is
included.

Are there any questions or comments on this
proposal?

Questions/Comments: None.

Motion to approve Damani E. King Fusic Fest Proposal made by
Val Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

1 MS. ADAMS: Thank you.

2 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Compliance Report for 2021
3 Resurfacing Project. This is from Carl Riddle, our
4 Compliance Manager.

5 It is directed to Rieth Riley because their company
6 was awarded the winning bid for 2021 East Chicago Resurfacing
7 Project.

8 Be advised that your company has failed to meet the
9 required standards for hiring residents on municipal
10 projects.

11 It has been determined that your rate of compliance
12 for this project is 8 percent. This has resulted in a
13 noncompliance sufficiency rate of 42 percent.

14 Due to your company's failure to comply with hiring
15 standards for this project the sum of \$70,136.92 in
16 noncompliance fees will be deducted from the retainage amount
17 upon completion of the project.

18 And Mr. Riddle has included all the documentation
19 to support his findings.

20 \$70,136 in damages. That includes \$60,988.20 in
21 residency and \$9,148.72 in minority female damages.

22 And as usual this does not require a motion. This
23 is just for information entered into the record.

24 Are there any questions or comments on this?

25 Next we have from Midwestern Electric their 2022
rates. This is from Engineering.

And we have their rates for traffic and lighting
equipment and not to exceed \$30,000.

Any questions or comments?

Questions/Comments: None.

Motion to approve Midwestern Electric 2022 Rates made by Val
Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

1 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have the BP Cooperative Agreement
2 for 129th Street/Dickey Road Roundabout.

3 We do have the agreement here. So it's an
4 agreement between the City of East Chicago and BP for 149th
5 and Dickey Roundabout.

6 BP has agreed to provide \$1 million towards the
7 project. This agreement mimics an older version adopted in
8 2014 which included IDOT language.

9 IDOT is no longer involved in the project. And
10 this serves merely as an updated agreement with little
11 changes from the original.

12 The original awarded funding amount from BP remains
13 unchanged.

14 And under Exhibit B it breaks down the outline of
15 BP's funding which the amount is \$1,100,000. And it is
16 broken down into different phases.

17 Are there any questions or comments on this
18 Cooperative Agreement between City of East Chicago and BP
19 Products of North America.

20 This is for the construction on 129th Street from
21 Riley Road to Dickey Roundabout.

22 MR. MORRISROE: One issue might be whether or not if
23 there's serious cost overruns whether they would share in
24 that at some ratio rather than the City paying 100 percent
25 for those kind of overruns.

MR. GOMEZ: But wouldn't this agreement kind of bound
us? BP, that's all they would pay?

MR. MORRISROE: That's correct.

MR. GOMEZ: So any overruns we would have to pay the
overruns.

MR. MORRISROE: Right. As long as we're going in with
our eyes open.

MR. GOMEZ: I imagine Engineering discussed this with
BP. If the costs go higher than projected, we have to pay
any extra costs, right?

1 MR. ARICHAVALA: Yeah. Too many years ago BP have
2 agreement with the City. They are going to give \$1,170,000
3 for the roundabout.

4 At that time it's almost 100 percent. But nobody
5 do nothing with the roundabout.

6 MR. GOMEZ: And the cost went up.

7 MR. ARICHAVALA: And now the price is \$1,822,000. 1.1
8 million from BP they are going to pay. We have to pay
9 600-something-thousand because they say we only have
10 agreement for \$1,100,000. The rest we have to pay.

11 MR. GOMEZ: Even if it goes higher we have to pay.

12 MR. ARICHAVALA: We have the money for that also.

13 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or comments?

14 Questions/Comments: None.

15 Motion to approve BP Cooperative 129th Street/Dickey Road
16 Roundabout Agreement made by Val Gomez. Second by Winna
17 Guzman.

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

20 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have from First Group Coordination
21 Meetings for Exchange Avenue, Short Street and Parking Lot.

22 This agreement is made through the City of East
23 Chicago through its Board of Public Works herein referred to
24 as the Local Public Agency and First Group Engineering,
25 Consulting Engineers.

Whereas the City of East Chicago desires to
contract engineering services for coordination and meetings
in connection with the construction of the project.

And the project is construction of Exchange Avenue,
Short Street and Parking Lot.

And the compensation the consultant shall receive
as payment for their work performed on this contract total
amount not to exceed \$10,000.

So this is for engineering services.

1 Any questions or comments?

2 Questions/Comments: None.

3 Motion to approve First Group Engineering Services for
4 Exchange Avenue, Short Street and Parking Lot made by Val
Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

7 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have Right-of-Way Applications. We
8 have Right-of-Way Board of Works Permit Applications Number
22-04190 through 22-04197.

9 Any questions or comments on these Permit
10 Applications?

11 Questions/Comments: None.

12 Motion to approve Permit Applications 22-04190 through
22-04197 made by Val Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

15 MR. GOMEZ: Julio, do you have your recommendations?

16 MR. ARICHAVALA: Yeah.

17 MR. GOMEZ: First one is the alleys and sidewalk, right?

18 MR. ARICHAVALA: On the alleys we have four projects
19 over there. The price show here R&D is a good price for me
20 because it's under my estimate. I think this price is from
the last year.

21 So I want to recommend this for only the first
22 project.

23 The three projects I want to resend seven-day
24 letter. Maybe we have more contractors for next time.

25 MR. GOMEZ: So for the alleys you just want --

MR. ARICHAVALA: Just Project Number 1, just the first
one. The second, the third and fourth I want to resend the
seven-day letter because I don't think it's good.

1 MR. GOMEZ: So you're only going to accept R&D's
proposal for Project Number 1?

2 MR. ARICHAVALA: Yeah.

3 MR. GOMEZ: What was the amount?

4 MR. ARICHAVALA: It's for \$120,300.

5 MR. GOMEZ: And the other three you're going to resubmit
6 them?

7 MR. ARICHAVALA: For the other companies we have to
resend the invitation. You want the amount?

8 MR. GOMEZ: No. You're going to resend and see if they
9 rebid?

10 MR. ARICHAVALA: Yeah. To all six companies that we
sent 15 days ago.

11 MR. GOMEZ: Maybe you'll get better luck this time. And
12 sidewalks?

13 MR. ARICHAVALA: This is the first one.

14 MR. GOMEZ: That was the alleys. And the proposal for
the sidewalks?

15 And just for the record R&D was the only bidder.

16 MR. ARICHAVALA: Yeah. R&D is the only one. He only
17 bid on this. But R&D do every year all sidewalks for us. In
this case I don't think he has any problem with it. I
18 recommend to R&D. It's only one project. \$130,368.

19 MR. GOMEZ: So R&D you're recommending for the sidewalk
projects?

20 MR. ARICHAVALA: Yeah.

21 MR. GOMEZ: And then the last one the bid openings for
22 the patches at Riley and Dock.

23 MR. ARICHAVALA: The patching we need this really
because on June 13 we are going to start construction the
24 roundabout and 129 and Dickey.

25 We going to close 129 and Dickey Street. And Riley

1 Road is the only one way can have access to the BP. Really
2 we need this.

3 And a part of this Miss Olga knows we have too many
4 cars and too many complaints about this because Riley Road is
5 in very bad shape.

6 MR. GOMEZ: We even had somebody at the Council Meeting
7 bring that up.

8 MR. ARICHAVALA: Yeah. We have to do this. But we have
9 only one bidder now. So I have to accept this because we
10 need this because it's only one more month we have to do
11 something over there before the construction to the
12 roundabout.

13 So I recommend this for \$22,700.

14 MR. GOMEZ: So it will be R&D again being the sole
15 bidder at 22,700 for the patching at Riley and Dock.

16 MR. ARICHAVALA: Riley road and Dock Avenue. It's on
17 the two entries for the roundabout.

18 MR. GOMEZ: Thank you.

19 OTHER BUSINESS: None.

20 * Next Regular Meeting Date: Thursday, May 26,
21 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.

22 Motion to adjourn made by Val Gomez. Second by Winna Guzman.

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

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

1 Approval of the Meeting Minutes of
2 Thursday, May 12, 2022

3 Approved and Signed _____

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6 Val Gomez, President

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9 William Allen, Vice President

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12 Winna Guzman, Member

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15 Olga Cosme, Board Secretary


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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 22nd day of May, 2022.



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