

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Reported by Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.

By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Staff Present: Olga Cosme

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Val Gomez
William Allen
Winna Guzman

MR. GOMEZ: Good afternoon everyone. I'd like to call to order the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works for May 25th, 2023. We do have a quorum.

Next we have approval of the regular meeting minutes of Thursday, May 11, 2023. I'd make a motion to approve as written.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

We have no correspondence. We are going to move on to New Business. First item is Amereco, 613 West Chicago Avenue. We have a proposal from the Building Department apparently and the amount is \$16,521.00, lump sum. Any questions or comments on this proposal? (None)

There being no questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion to accept the proposal from Amereco.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

1 (All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

2 Next we have two proposals from
3 De-Vine Landscaping & Property Management, one is for
4 week control, not-to-exceed \$30,000.00. The second one
5 is de-weeding for City owned properties, not-to-exceed
6 \$30,000.00. Any comments on these two proposals?
(None)

7 There being no further questions or
8 comments, I'd like to make a motion to accept proposals
9 from De-Vine Landscaping from Public Works.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

10 Next we have a proposal from NWI
11 Preservation, this is for work being done behind the
12 Mayor's office. They're replacing the brick patio with
13 stamped concrete. Any questions or comments? (None)

14 There being no questions or
15 comments, I'd like to make a motion to approve NWI
16 Preservation's proposal for the Mayor's patio.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

17 Next we have outstanding invoices.
18 I'll read each one and do one motion. First one is
19 Public Works with Filter Services. Past due invoice
20 dated 12-21-22 amount of \$6,532.82. Invoice was sent to
21 the main office being past due. The original purchase
22 order was actually over a year.

23 Next is from Multi Media for Civic
24 Plus. This late invoice is dated 1-25-23, amount of
25 \$5,070.00. Any questions on the first one? (None) The
second one, reason for the second one, received by Board
of Works 4-13-23. The dates on the invoice needed to be
checked.

The next one is from Engineering,
Hasse Construction dated 12-21-22 amount of \$37,232.55.
Received invoice 5-16-23 for Engineer review. Services
have been rendered and invoice should be paid. Any
questions or comments on this one? (None)

MR. ALLEN: I would add there was some

1 extra services that they provided that's what added the
2 amount.

3 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions? (None)
4 Late invoice from Police Department
5 from Petsmart, dated 3-9-23, amount of \$418.47. Reason
6 the invoice was not forwarded to Service Department for
7 payment.

8 I'd make a motion to approve all
9 outstanding invoices.

10 MR. ALLEN: Second.

11 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
12 (All signify aye.)

13 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

14 Next we have two donation checks.
15 One to the Police Department from Goettle for \$1,000.00.
16 Also one from Central Rent A Crane to the Fire
17 Department, also \$1,000.00. Any questions or comments
18 on these two donation checks? (None)

19 There being no further questions or
20 comments, I'd like to make a motion to accept both
21 donation checks.

22 MR. ALLEN: Second.

23 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
24 (All signify aye.)

25 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Fire Services, Inc.,
repairs to Engine 2713, from the Fire Department. The
amount is \$18,016.00. Any questions or comments on this
request for repair of Engine 2713? (None)

Related to this, we did approve this
in January of this year. Also there's a Fire Service
Inc., not-to-exceed of \$10,000.00. Any questions or
comments on these two issues with Fire Services Inc.,
with the Fire Department? (None)

There being no further questions or
comments entertain a motion to approve the two items.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Vela LLC, Friday's
Fusic Fest, from Special Events. We have three

1 identical items for Special Events. Addendum, the
2 amount is \$22,500.00. Contractor will get sum total of
3 \$24,200.00. The second is \$25,000.00, 8 percent
4 specialty fee of \$2,000.00, so \$27,000.00. The last one
5 is there is a fee is \$10,000.00. Grand total for these
6 three acts for August 4th, Fusic Fest is \$73,700.00.
7 This for Special Events. Any questions or comments on
8 this description? (None)

9 There being no further questions or
10 comments, I'd like to make a motion to accept the
11 original terms for August 4th.

12 MR. ALLEN: Second.

13 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
14 (All signify aye.)

15 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

16 Next one is performance contracts.
17 This is for Tony Blazonszyk's New Phaze, amount of
18 \$1,000.00. This is a set contract. Any questions or
19 comments on this performance contract? (None)

20 There being no questions or
21 comments, I'd like to make a motion to accept the
22 performance contract with Tony Blazonczyk.

23 MR. ALLEN: Second.

24 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
25 (All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next is Sunbelt Rentals. There's
six proposals. First one is for Rhythm & Soul Fest,
amount of \$1,725.00; Salsa Fest is also \$1,725.00; Fusic
Fest amount of \$2,116.00; Kielbasa Fest \$1,725.00;
Seniors on the Lake, \$1,725.00; Monarch Fest, \$4,181.50;
Grand Total of \$14,097.50. Any questions or comments on
the proposals? (None)

There being no questions or
comments, I'd like to make a motion to accept all the
proposals from Sunbelt Rentals for the various events.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Resolution 2023-12,
1900 to 1919 Broadway. Any questions or comments on
Resolution 2023-12? (None)

1 There being no further questions or
2 comments, I'd like to make a motion to accept Resolution
3 2023-12.

4 MR. ALLEN: Second.

5 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

6 (All signify aye.)

7 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

8 Next we have Pintos, Alleys with
9 miscellaneous concrete, from Engineering.

10 MR. ALLEN: Hasse has been awarded this
11 contract and this is additional work that needs to be
12 done around the proposal to install concrete.

13 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions? (None)

14 There being no further questions or
15 comments, I'd like to make a motion we accept the
16 proposal from Pintos.

17 MR. ALLEN: Second.

18 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

19 (All signify aye.)

20 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

21 Next we have from Hasse
22 Construction, Homerlee Change Order #4, from
23 Engineering.

24 MR. ALLEN: This is for the project,
25 reconstruction project over on Homerlee. The amount is
\$1,080.00.

 MR. GOMEZ: Any comments or questions?

(None)

 There being no further questions or
comments, I'd like to make a motion to accept Hasse
Construction's Change Order #4.

 MR. ALLEN: Second.

 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?

 (All signify aye.)

 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

 Milestone, Change Order #5 for
Kennedy Avenue resurfacing project.

 MR. ALLEN: This is an increase in the

1 contract amount in the amount of \$1,759.00. This is for
2 some additional work that we had to do on the East
Chicago side of Kennedy.

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

4 There being no further questions or
5 comments, I'd like to make a motion to accept Milestone
Change Order #5 for Kennedy Avenue resurfacing project.

6 MR. ALLEN: Second.

7 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

8 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

9 Next we have from Robinson
Engineering their 2023 rates. Any questions or comments
10 on the rates? (None) Not-to-exceed amount of \$10,000.

11 There being no further questions or
comments, I'd like to make a motion to accept Robinson
Engineering 2023 rates, not-to-exceed \$10,000.00.

12 MR. ALLEN: Second.

13 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

14 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

15 Next we have Notice of Award, Notice
to Proceed and contracts for Milestone Contractors and
Pavement Solutions Inc.

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17 MR. ALLEN: At the last meeting we opened
up bids for the overlay resurfacing for various streets,
18 as well as a service maintenance project for various
streets in East Chicago. This is for full Notice of
19 Award, Notice to Proceed and the contract in the amount
of \$907,212.50. It's just the base bid amount and not
20 including the alternates. Pavement Solutions Inc., it
was recommended that we award the project to Pavement
21 Solutions in the amount of \$707,890.75, and again that's
for the high surface, the base bid and the alternates.

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

23 There being no further questions or
24 comments, I'd make a motion to approve the Notice to
Award, Notice to Proceed and contract with Milestone
and Pavement Solutions, Inc.

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1 MR. ALLEN: Second.

2 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

3 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

4 MR. ALLEN: I should have mentioned, we
5 approved Milestone as the base bid and not for the
6 alternates. But we could go out to bid again from the
7 list of alternates and apply that to the community,
8 grandfathered in the community versus in July which will
9 allow us additional funding and add more streets to the
10 current project.

11 MR. GOMEZ: So we are in the process of
12 doing that now?

13 MR. ALLEN: We did for the alternates
14 initially.

15 MR. GOMEZ: Is there a time involved when
16 that will take place?

17 MR. ALLEN: Sometime in July. I just
18 wanted to mention that. I should have said it before we
19 made the motion, but I didn't want to interrupt.

20 MR. GOMEZ: Next we have from Milestone,
21 Columbus/Cline roundabout, Change Order #1 from
22 Engineering.

23 MR. ALLEN: This is a decrease in our
24 \$56,829.50 because we found out that we need certain
25 material with certain dollars.

MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or
comments on this one? This was also recommended by
First Group?

MR. ALLEN: Yes, they are the engineering
contractors that take care of the contracts.

MR. GOMEZ: There being no further
questions or comments, I'd like to make a motion to
accept Milestone, Columbus/Cline roundabout Change Order
#1.

MR. ALLEN: Second.

1 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

2 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

3 Next we have right-of-way
4 applications. We have numbers 23-04483 to 23-04487.
Any questions or comments on the aforementioned
right-of-way applications? (None)

5 There being no further questions or
6 comments, entertain a motion to approve the right-of-way
7 applications for Engineering.

8 MR. ALLEN: Second.

9 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

10 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

11 There is no other business. Our
12 next regular meeting will be Thursday, June 8, 2023 at
13 4:30.

14 That concludes our agenda for
15 tonight. I would make a motion for adjournment.

16 MR. ALLEN: Second.

17 MR. GOMEZ: All in favor say aye?
(All signify aye.)

18 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

19 Meeting adjourned.

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Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of
May 25, 2023
Approved and Signed May 25, 2023.

Val Gomez, President

William Allen, Vice President

Winna Guzman, member

Olga Cosme, Secretary

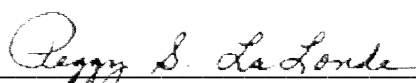
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Peggy S. LaLonde, a competent and duly qualified court reporter, do hereby certify that I did report in machine shorthand the foregoing proceedings and that my shorthand notes so taken at said time and place were thereafter reduced to typewriting under my personal direction.

I further certify that the foregoing typewritten transcript constitutes minutes of the said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Munster, Indiana, this 20th day of May, 2023.



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR



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