

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Reporter by Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.

By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Staff Present: Richard Morrisroe  
Olga Cosme

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Good afternoon everyone. I'd like to call to order the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works for July 14, 2022. We have the minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 23, 2022. Do I have a motion to approve as written?

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.

There is no correspondence, so we'll move on to New Business.

First item on the agenda is Indianapolis Boulevard Water and Sewer Replacement Project, Notice of Award, for Hasse Construction. The amount is \$14,320,996.50. At the last meeting we opened bids.

MR. ALLEN: We opened up the bids at the last meeting. The total amount that was just read out loud is the base bid, plus the Alternate 1. The base bid was to replace all underground infrastructure, which includes sewer, water main, and all the laterals and

1 services, as well as Alternate 1 to line all the piping  
2 tying into Indianapolis Boulevard from the side streets.

3 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?  
4 (None) There being no further questions or comments, I  
5 would entertain a motion to approve Notice of Award for  
6 Hasse Construction.

7 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

8 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

9 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

12 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

13 Next we have an MOU between the  
14 School City and the City of East Chicago for Special  
15 Events. This is agreement for Fusic Fest, which would  
16 be August 6th and 7th.

17 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Vanessa  
18 Hernandez-Orange, Director Parks & Recreation. I am  
19 also part of the Special Events team. I am here to  
20 discuss the Memorandum of Understanding with the School  
21 City of East Chicago.

22 Basically what we are asking for  
23 Fusic Fest, we are asking for the School City to drive  
24 buses for our patrons that are not able to walk from the  
25 different locations that we have for parking. There are  
several locations that are further out with the parking,  
it can take a little bit longer. And this year we were  
able to actually work with our School City rather than  
work with the company that is outside of East Chicago.

With that being said, what we are  
doing is, we will be paying the driver, who is from the  
School City of East Chicago, their hourly rate, as well  
as we'll provide security from Federal Protection for  
the evening on Saturday and also on Sunday. And we are  
also making sure that we fill up the gas tanks for the  
buses at the end of the night and that will be something  
that our Public Works Department will know and will try  
for Special Events.

MR. GOMEZ: All the terms and agreement  
were reviewed by the City Attorney?

MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: Correct.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

2 MS. GUZMAN: The only thing, this needs  
3 to be ratified or brought before the Park Board to be  
4 approved, and that would be the next -- when's your next  
5 Park Board meeting?

6 MR. GOMEZ: This is Special Events.

7 MS. GUZMAN: I'm sorry, Special Events.  
8 I was thinking of the School Board, that's what meant.

9 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: The School Board  
10 actually is going to approve it on Monday.

11 MS. GUZMAN: Sorry, I meant to say School  
12 Board.

13 MR. GOMEZ: The funding is coming from  
14 Special Events budget, right?

15 MRS. HERNANDEZ-ORANGE: The funding is  
16 coming from Special Events budget.

17 MR. GOMEZ: Okay. Any other questions or  
18 comments? (None) There being no further questions or  
19 comments, I'd entertain a motion to accept the MOU  
20 between the School City of East Chicago and the City of  
21 East Chicago.

22 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

23 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

24 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Professional Claims  
Management. This is to the controller's office. It  
concerns Professional Claims work for the City under  
Indiana Workers Compensation.

What happened, this agreement was --  
this contract was suppose to be approved in January. We  
received notice from Professional Claims, they were  
inquiring that they could not find the signed copy from  
our Board. We checked into it and we discovered that we  
are not sure what happened, but actually wasn't brought  
to our Board in January. So when we approve this, I

1 would like to back date it for January 1st, 2022. We  
2 have been provided the services for this agreement.

3 I'd like to mention, this is  
4 primarily working with Indiana Workmen's Compensation  
5 and the agreement includes all the terms. Attorney  
6 Allegretti had no issues with it. I spoke with our HR,  
7 Nicki Michael, and she also said she usually gets this  
8 and she didn't understand why it wasn't brought before  
9 the Board. It was just missed by everybody.

10 So, are there any questions or  
11 comments? (None) There being no further questions or  
12 comments, I'd like to entertain a motion to approve the  
13 insurance service agreement with Professional Claims for  
14 our COBRA and I would like to back date it to  
15 January 1st.

16 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

17 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

18 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

21 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

22 Next item from AmeriClean and this  
23 is from Bus Transit. Our Director of Transit, Mr.  
24 Rosado was unable to attend. Let me explain to you that  
25 this is a proposal that is renewed yearly, which  
26 involves cleaning the buses. It's part of the extra  
27 cleaning they have to do because of COVID. And this  
28 company, they are really satisfied with this company's  
29 services, and they have a not-to-exceed amount of  
30 \$6,000. Basically this is for the labor and includes a  
31 driver to and from locations. There are multiple buses  
32 cleaned during the day and the driver is paid by the day  
33 and not each individual bus.

34 Any questions or comments? (None)  
35 There being no further questions or comments, I'd  
36 entertain a motion to approve the contract with  
37 AmeriClean to clean the buses.

38 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

39 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

40 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

43 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

1                   Next is for AMG Construction. This  
2 is from Public Works and it's to replace a door for the  
3 men's and women's restroom at Tod Park. The amount is  
4 \$14,200. They do have a second quote of \$17,118 and  
5 that was from Calumet Waste & Recycling. We do have Mr.  
6 Robinson here if you have any questions.

7                   There being none, I would entertain  
8 a motion to approve AMG Construction contract for Tod  
9 Park restrooms, in the amount of \$14,200.00.

10                   MR. ALLEN: So moved.

11                   MS. GUZMAN: Second.

12                   MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

15                   MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

16                   Next is De-Vine Landscaping &  
17 Property, Public Works. This is for weed control on the  
18 main sidewalks and easements throughout the City. In  
19 the amount -- the weed control price for two gallons of  
20 treatment application 195. I believe that's it, right?

21                   MR. ROBINSON: There is a square footage  
22 price and a linear footage price.

23                   MR. GOMEZ: Okay. Square footage and  
24 linear foot price. There is a do not exceed amount of  
25 \$20,000.

Any other questions on this  
proposal? (None) There being no further questions or  
comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve De-Vine  
Landscaping proposal for weed control.

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 Chicago Communications  
LLC, also from Public Works. And this from Chicago  
Communication, is that -- they are not Minor  
Communication anymore?

MR. ROBINSON: They have been bought out

1 by Chicago Communications.

2 MR. GOMEZ: And this concerns the K-9 --  
3 is this like something to do with the cars?

4 MR. ROBINSON: This is for the Police  
5 Department, for them to outfit two newer vehicles with  
6 K-9 cages and making them K-9 accessible. So they are  
7 switching cars to two new cars from the cars they  
8 currently have.

9 MR. GOMEZ: I notice there is also prices  
10 for radio, Motorola radios. Is that part of that  
11 package?

12 MR. ROBINSON: The radio -- I don't have  
13 the copy in front of me. So the K-9 unit is to be  
14 installed in an administrative car. So administrative  
15 cars only have lights and siren and are now being  
16 updated to K-9 patrol vehicles. So it needs everything  
17 inside of the vehicle, the radio, the dock.

18 MR. GOMEZ: Okay. So the total for  
19 everything would be, with installation, \$20,551.18.

20 MR. ROBINSON: That's for two units.

21 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?  
22 (None) There being no further questions or comments,  
23 I'd entertain a motion to approve Chicago Communications  
24 proposal with Public Works for the two K-9 units.

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 donations, Marina. We  
have a donation from Ameristar, Christmas decorations.  
We have a donation from BP of \$10,000, and we have a  
donation of \$25,000 from Hard Rock Casino Northern  
Indiana.

Are there any questions or comments  
on these requests? (None) There being no further  
question or comments, I'd entertain a motion to accept  
these donations for the record. This is for the Marina

1 and Special Events; Ameristar donation, BP \$10,000 and  
2 Hard Rock Casino donation of \$25,000.

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.

9 Next we have Special Events  
10 contracts. We have three contracts. One from Keith  
11 Stras & Polka Confetti. The contract is \$1,000 for  
12 services to be rendered on Saturday, August 20, 2022.  
13 This would be at Kosciusko Park for the Kielbasa Fest.

14 Any comments on the first contract  
15 with Keith Stras? (None) There being no further  
16 questions or comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve  
17 the Special Events contract with Keith Stras for the  
18 Kielbasa Fest in the amount of \$1,000.

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 have from E-Z Tones, musical  
contract, and this is for \$1,000. This is for Friday,  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., also for Kielbasa Fest.

Any questions or comments on this  
contract? (None) There being no further questions or  
comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve E-Z Tones  
for the amount of \$1,000.

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 service contract with  
E-Z Tymes, DJ, this is also for Kielbasa Fest from  
2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and also for \$1,000, also at

1 Kosciusko Park.

2 Are there any questions or comments  
3 on this contract?

4 MS. GUZMAN: Just to note, the Kielbasa  
5 Fest is being held on Saturday, August 20th, at  
6 Kosciusko Park.

7 MR. GOMEZ: Okay. No further questions  
8 or comments -- Winna, it has from 6 to 8:00 p.m., should  
9 that also be 2 to 8 or no?

10 MS. GUZMAN: I think the DJ plays when  
11 the lights are on, during intermission or whatever the  
12 schedule is.

13 MR. GOMEZ: It's the same person and same  
14 time, I just thought the time would be the same. No  
15 further questions or comments, I'd entertain a motion to  
16 approve the contract for E-Z Tymes for Kielbasa Fest on  
17 Saturday, August 20th, in the amount of \$1,000.

18 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

19 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

20 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

23 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

24 Next we have Vidimos, Fire  
25 Department for the repair of Box and step for Engine  
26 2612. The Deputy Chief was unable to attend, but he did  
27 explain to me this vehicle -- they did send a letter  
28 attached for the repairs. This damage to 2612 occurred  
29 in August of 2020. The statement from Chander is  
30 \$22,790 and the estimate for Vidimos is \$6,740,  
31 difference is \$16,050.59, which is quite a difference.  
32 And the reason they had waited since 2020 was to get the  
33 funding to repair it. The funding has been approved  
34 this year and it's a good thing because they were able  
35 to save -- quite a bit of savings. Vidimos is also a  
36 company in East Chicago.

37 Any questions or comments on this  
38 request? (None) There being no further questions or  
39 comments, entertain a motion to approve the proposal  
40 from Vidimos Incorporated, for East Chicago Fire  
41 Department, to replace engine 2612 box and step.

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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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

5 Next we go to outstanding invoices.  
6 First one is from H.E.C.C., for IT. We have one late  
7 invoice. This is dated 3-20-22. Services were provided  
8 2-25-22 to 3-7-22, amount of \$6,265.15. The reason for  
the delinquent invoice, the contract invoice was never  
received. He explained that this was never invoiced by  
them.

9 Are there any questions or comments  
10 on this late invoice? (None) There being no further  
11 questions or comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve  
the late invoice to H.E.C.C. with IT in the amount of  
\$6,265.15.

12 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

13 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

16 Next we have late invoice from our  
17 City Court, from Judge Morris. Late invoice dated  
18 4-4-2022, for \$562.00 and it's with Thomson Reuter. The  
19 explanation is, purchase order was created for West  
Publishing Corporation in the amount of \$5,568.00 and  
charges were due May 4, 2022. Delay in payment resulted  
because of pending transfer of funds to the appropriate  
account, due to accountings were late with transfer.

20 Any questions or comments? (None)  
21 There being no further questions or comments, I'd  
entertain a motion to approve late invoice for Thomson  
22 Reuter, in the amount of \$5,568.00.

23 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

24 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

1 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

2 Next late invoice from Comcast  
3 Business with Police Department. There's two invoices  
4 dated 11-19-21 and 12-19-21. 11-19-21 is for \$128.35  
5 and 12-19-21 invoice for \$131.85. Explanation, the  
6 invoices were lost in the mail. So we have lost in the  
7 mail invoices.

8 Any questions or comments? (None)  
9 There being no further questions or comment's, I'd  
10 entertain a motion to approve the late invoices with  
11 Comcast Business with the East Chicago Police  
12 Department.

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 Next we have late invoice with  
20 Marcoart, this is for Engineering. It's one late  
21 invoice dated 2-10-20. Explanation, received late on  
22 6-20-22. Services have been rendered and invoice should  
23 be processed.

24 Any questions or comments on this  
25 late invoice? (None) There being no further questions  
or comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve the late  
invoice to Marcoart in the amount of \$1,050.00.

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, late invoice for Northwest  
Industrial Specialist, for Engineering. It's one late  
invoice dated 4-18-22, in amount of \$8,885.12. The  
reason, invoice was received late on 6-28-22. Services  
have been rendered and invoice should be processed.

Any questions or comments on this  
late invoice? (None) There being no further questions  
or comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve the late  
invoice to Northwest Industrial Services, from  
Engineering.

1 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

2 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

3 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

4 Opposed: None

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

5 Next we have late invoices from R &  
6 D Construction, from Engineering. We have late invoice  
dated 6-20-21, 6-30-21, 8-20-21, 10-29-21, 11-29-21,  
7 11-29-21, another 11-29-21, 1-11-22, 4-11-22, for total  
of \$58,083.10. Explanation, invoices were received late  
8 on July 13, 2022. There was a misunderstanding between  
the contractor and the engineer. The invoices must be  
9 reviewed by the engineer and approved prior to  
processing. Services have been rendered and the  
10 invoices should be processed.

Any questions or comments? (None)  
11 There being no further questions or comments, I'd  
entertain a motion to approve R & D Construction's late  
12 invoices with Engineering, in the amount of \$58,083.10.

13 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

14 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

15 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

16 Opposed: None

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

17 Next we have late invoice from  
Kovachevich Company. One dated 4-2-22, \$350.00. The  
18 reason, from Building Department, their department  
experienced some changes in personnel and that's why it  
19 was missed. I believe their main accounts payable  
person retired recently, that's probably the reason why.

Any questions or comments? (None)  
20 There being no further questions or comments, I'd  
entertain a motion to approve the late invoice to the  
21 Building Department from Kovachevich Company, in the  
amount of \$350.00.

22 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

23 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

24 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

1 Opposed: None

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

2 Next one from Ingram's Valuation  
3 Services Inc. This is also with Building Department.  
4 Invoice is dated 4-28-22, amount of \$2,800.00. And this  
5 is also for the same reason as the previous one, that  
6 the Building Department experienced a change in  
7 personnel and that's why it was missed.

Any questions or comments? (None)

8 There being no further questions or comments, I'd  
9 entertain a motion to approve Ingram's Valuation  
10 Services, in amount of \$2,800.00 from the Building  
11 Department.

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

14 Next we have demolition contracts  
15 from Building. First one from JM Industrial Services.  
16 This is for site of 3916 Evergreen. The contract price  
17 is \$17,300.00.

18 Is there any questions or comments  
19 on JM Industrial contract for one location, 3916  
20 Evergreen, amount of \$17,300.00. (None) There being no  
21 further questions or comments, I'd entertain a motion to  
22 approve the contract between East Chicago and the Board  
23 of Public Works and JM Industrial Services for  
24 demolition of 3816 Evergreen Street with the Building  
25 Department.

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

28 Next we have contract between the  
29 City of East Chicago and Actin Inc., for demolition work  
30 sites at 3921 Melville, 417 Spring, 419 Spring, 3606  
31 Ivy, 1029 138th Place; and total sum for the five  
32 properties is \$59,182.00.

Are there any questions or comments

1 on this contract with Actin Incorporated and the City of  
2 East Chicago, Building Department? (None) There being  
3 no further questions or comments, I'd entertain a motion  
4 to approve the contract between the City of East Chicago  
5 and Actin Incorporated for the five aforementioned  
6 locations, in the amount of \$49,182.00.

7 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

8 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

9 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

12 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

13 Next we have demolition contract  
14 between the City of East Chicago and Richardson  
15 Disposal. This is for 512 West 142nd Street, rear  
16 structure, 1513 Alexander, garage only. And the price  
17 is \$14,560.00.

18 MS. GUZMAN: The contract price is 6,800?

19 MR. GOMEZ: I believe that's for one. We  
20 are going to have to clarify that.

21 MR. ALLEN: I assume the \$14,560.00 is  
22 for both structures.

23 MR. GOMEZ: We'll put a correction in the  
24 final one. Any other questions or comments? (None)  
25 There being no further questions or comments, I'd  
entertain a motion to approve the demolition contract  
between the City of East Chicago and Richardson  
Disposal, in the amount of \$14,560.00, under the  
condition that we check on that to make sure it's  
\$14,560.00. I'd entertain a motion.

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 asbestos removal  
contract between the City of East Chicago and Northwest  
Indiana Environmental. This is for work site at 3921

1 Melville, 417 Spring, 3916 Evergreen, and 3606 Ivy  
2 Street. Contract price is for \$35,080.00 submitted by  
Building Department.

3 Any questions or comments? (None)  
4 There being no further questions or comments, I'd  
entertain a motion to approve the agreement with  
5 Northwest Indiana Environmental for asbestos removal  
contract in the amount of \$35,080.00.

6 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

7 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

8 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

10 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

11 Next we have Amereco's proposal for  
12 site investigations of 2106 to 2120 Columbus Drive.  
This is project for site investigations. The amount is  
13 \$11,640.00. Total additional samples are necessary to  
define the extent of contamination with the following  
14 charges, \$300.00 for each analysis, not-to-exceed  
\$1,200.00 and to expedite sample analysis from the  
15 seven-day to 3 or 4-day, additional \$2,760.00.

16 Are there any questions or comments  
17 on this proposal? (None) There being no further  
18 questions or comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve  
19 Amereco's proposal for 2106 to 20 Columbus Drive for the  
aforementioned prices.

20 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

21 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

22 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

24 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

25 Next we have Amereco, soil  
remediation, for 2001 Franklin, and the scope of work,  
21 check management air monitoring based on below fee  
22 schedule is \$28,540.00 estimated total for project.  
There's a total estimate of \$35,000 290. Those fees are  
23 based on the fee schedule below.

24 Any questions or comments on this  
proposal?

25 MR. ALLEN: Just to add, this ties into

1 an existing project in the area. So in this area  
2 Building Department is working with Amereco in dealing  
3 with soils out there in anticipation of the Crossings  
4 project. This is where the old church was demolished.

5 MR. GOMEZ: The church area and all the  
6 proposed lots there?

7 MR. ALLEN: No, just the area near where  
8 the church used to be. That's the only area that we  
9 needed Amereco's attention or assistance with. It's a  
10 small area.

11 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or  
12 comments? (None) There being no further questions or  
13 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve Amereco's  
14 soil remediation proposal for 2001 Franklin, in the  
15 amount of project total estimate \$35,290.00.

16 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

17 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

18 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

21 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

22 Next we have Resolution 2022-19,  
23 establish terms and transfer of certain property owned  
24 by the City of East Chicago, Board or Public Works to  
25 the East Chicago Board of Redevelopment, property  
commonly known as 3809 Deal Street, parcel  
45-034-22-410-005.000-024.

Any questions or comments on the  
resolution? (None) There being no further questions or  
comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve Resolution  
number 2022-19, transfer of property in the City of East  
Chicago to East Chicago Redevelopment.

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 R & R Visual. This is  
for Alder Street cleaning, Broadway to Gary Road, in

1 East Chicago. This is Change Orders 1, 2 and 3.

2 MR. ALLEN: Change order 1, \$3,950.00,  
3 this is for additional inspection for section of pipe  
4 that we founded failed. For change order number 2,  
5 amount of \$88,812.00. While we were televising and  
6 cleaning the Alder sewer, which is one of our biggest  
7 sewers in East Chicago, they affected the wet wells near  
8 the pump station that is located off of Gary Road. That  
9 amount of \$88,812.00 is to televise and clean those.  
10 And then for our final change order number 3, which is  
11 in the amount of negative \$95,762.61, just a balancing  
12 change order. We take all the line items and the prices  
13 at the beginning of the job and compare them to what was  
14 actually used or extended, and we ended up not having to  
15 use certain materials and services. So all in all there  
16 is no additional funding needed for this project.

17 MR. GOMEZ: So for change order 2 or 3  
18 there is no additional charges?

19 MR. ALLEN: It's not an additional cost  
20 to the original contract.

21 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or  
22 comments? (None) There being no further questions or  
23 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve change order  
24 number 1, 2 and 3 for the Alder Street cleaning project.

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 SEH Preparation for  
City Grants. This agreement is for professional  
services. This is with Engineering Department.

MR. ALLEN: SEH is very familiar with any  
grant opportunities and working with towns and cities to  
acquire them. We have been given a request of \$12,350  
to help the City apply for grants for infrastructure  
projects.

MR. GOMEZ: Is this one specific for  
street project grants?



1 MR. ALLEN: Sorry, this is for the Safe  
2 Street Grant opportunity.

3 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or  
4 comments? (None) There being no further questions or  
5 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve this  
6 agreement for potential services concerning grants with  
7 SEH in the not to exceed \$12,350.00.

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

13 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.  
14 Next we have First Group,  
15 supplemental number 1 for 2022, East Chicago mill and  
16 overlay of East Calumet.

17 MR. ALLEN: So right now we have a  
18 contract to repave East Calumet in between, the streets  
19 between Huish and Parrish, and between Chicago Avenue  
20 and 150th or 151st; pretty much all the streets in the  
21 East Calumet area. The original fee was to cover their  
22 fee services. The supplemental is to have them do  
23 oversight supervision in the amount of -- in the amount  
24 of 867. So we are setting a new not-to-exceed amount of  
25 \$135,800.00.

MR. GOMEZ: So the motion, for reference,  
is 135 total?

MR. ALLEN: Right. That's going to be  
the new total. Supplement number 1 is adding 86,700 to  
the original. And it's also worth mentioning that we  
received grant money for this job as well, Community  
Crossings from the State for the construction of this  
project.

MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or  
comments? (None) There being no other questions or  
comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve the proposal  
from First Group, for supplemental number 1 for 2022,  
East Chicago mill and overlay of East Calumet.

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 Hasse  
7 Construction, Magoun Avenue reconstruction project,  
8 change order number 4, also from Engineering.

9 MR. ALLEN: So the Crossings project, not  
10 only in East Chicago but in other neighboring cities.  
11 There is a strike that's going on that's effecting  
12 aggregate. So part of this job was to acquire limestone  
13 from a specific quarry. Since that strike has been  
14 going on, we have had to change the material and where  
15 we are now getting our new aggregate. So this is just  
16 adding a new line item to get number eight limestone  
17 from a different location for our Magoun reconstruction  
18 project. This new line item is more than the current  
19 one obviously. So this is an additional \$4,500 at this  
20 time. Hopefully the strike ends at some point soon. At  
21 that point we will continue to use the original line  
22 item, but for the time being, to keep the project  
23 moving, we would like to acquire material for aggregate  
24 from a different location.

25 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or  
26 comments? (None) There being no further questions or  
27 comments, I'd entertain a motion to approve the proposal  
28 change order 4 recommendation from First Group to  
29 Engineering and Hasse Construction for the Magoun Avenue  
30 Reconstruction Project.

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 That brings us to right-of-way  
38 permit applications, numbers 22-04237 through 22-04246.  
39 Any questions or comments? (None) There being no  
40 further questions or comments, entertain a motion to  
41 approve the aforementioned permit applications.

42 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 We have no other business before us  
7 tonight. That concludes our business on today's agenda.  
8 Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 28th, at  
9 4:30 p.m., and I'd like to consider a motion for  
10 adjournment.

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. Meeting  
17 adjourned.

18 \*\*\*\*\* Meeting Adjourned \*\*\*\*\*

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20 Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of  
21 July 14, 2022  
22 Approved and Signed July 14, 2022.

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24 Val Gomez, President

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26 William Allen, Vice President

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28 Winna Guzman, member

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30 Olga Cosme, Secretary

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Dated at Munster, Indiana, this 19th day of July, 2022.

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