

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

Reported by Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.

By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Staff Present: Carla Morgan

Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.

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

MR. GOMEZ: I would call the meeting to order. We have no minutes or correspondence. The new business for the Special Meeting is bid opening for Parrish Avenue Resurfacing, from Engineering.

MR. ALLEN: The first bid is from Walsh & Kelly, Inc., 1700 East Main Street, Griffith, Indiana. The base bid amount is \$54,262.50.

Next, we have Site Services, Inc., located at 10117 Kennedy Avenue, Highland, Indiana. Base bid amount is \$53,421.00

Next, we have from Reith-Riley Construction Company, located at 7500 West 5th Avenue, Gary, Indiana. Base bid amount is \$55,866.10.

Okay, I'm going to give these to Chris to review, who has been hired by the City --

MR. GOMEZ: Would you introduce yourself real quick?

MR. MOORE: Chris Moore, with Nies Engineering. I will tabulate these and give you a recommendation at the end.

MR. GOMEZ: Okay. We have one other item under Other Business. At our last regular meeting there was a change order brought by the Fire Department for

1 their abatement project at Central Fire Station. We  
2 approved that, but then after reviewing some of the  
3 paperwork that they sent us -- after the fact -- it  
4 turned out that basically wasn't a change order, it was  
5 a proposal for additional work. So once we discovered  
6 that, we asked them to resubmit it as a proposal. I  
7 have a letter from them to the Board of Works and the  
8 Fire Department's proposal for additional work that was  
9 needed to complete the project at Central Fire Station.  
10 It's the same amount we approved, \$4,060.00. So that's  
11 the only difference, instead of a change order, it  
12 should have been a new proposal.

13 Basically with the change order, it  
14 was over 20 percent and by State Statute it requires  
15 anything over 20 percent needs a new proposal. So the  
16 project no longer needed a change order, it had to be a  
17 new proposal; so that's what they presented to us. Any  
18 questions or comments? (None)

19 No further questions or comments,  
20 I'll entertain a motion to approve Amereco's new  
21 proposal to complete their abatement project at Central  
22 Fire Station, in the amount of \$4,060.00.

23 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

24 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

25 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Now we'll wait for the  
recommendation, so we'll take a five-minute recess.  
Motion to recess.

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.

(A brief recess was taken.)

1 MR. GOMEZ: I'd like to call the Special  
2 Meeting of Public Works back to order. All are present.  
3 Do you have your recommendation?

4 MR. MOORE: I do. Again, Chris Moore,  
5 Nies Engineering. I reviewed the bids to see what was  
6 included, and I evaluated the base bid. I evaluated the  
7 work criteria and I reviewed the submittal of all the  
8 requirements. I only did that for the low bidder to  
9 save time for the meeting, as long as he was compliant  
10 and their recommendation was stamped.

11 So, the base bids were already read.  
12 The award criteria figures were consistent as well and  
13 they are very close. The engineer's estimate -- for the  
14 record -- was just under \$60,000. The low base bid was  
15 \$53,421 from Site Services. The award criteria figure  
16 for Site Services was \$53,287.45. The next lowest award  
17 criteria figure was Rieth -- I'm sorry -- Walsh Kelly,  
18 which was \$53,426,85. Difference right around \$150.00.  
19 And then the highest bid was Rieth-Riley and their work  
20 criteria figure is \$54,419.18. Nice grouping of bids  
21 and all the information -- the required information for  
22 low bidder was there.

23 I make the recommendation to the  
24 East Chicago Board of Public Works to award the project  
25 to Site Services, in the amount of \$53,421, which is the  
base bid.

MR. GOMEZ: Okay. Questions or comments?  
(None) No further questions or comments, I'll entertain  
a motion, based on the recommendation, the bid  
recommendation, Parrish Resurfacing Project goes to Site  
Services, in Highland, Indiana, in the amount of  
\$53,421.00.

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. Thank you.

MR. MOORE: Thank you.

MR. GOMEZ: That concludes the bids

1 for the Special Meeting.

2 Our next regular meeting will be  
3 Wednesday, September 23rd, at 4:30 p.m.. I'd like to  
4 entertain a motion for adjournment.

5 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

6 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

7 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

10 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.  
11 Meeting adjourned.

12 \*\*\*\* Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.\*\*\*\*

13 Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of  
14 September 16, 2020  
15 Approved and Signed September 16, 2020.

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17 Val Gomez, President

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19 William Allen, Vice President

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21 Winna Guzman

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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 21st day of September, 2020.

*Peggy S. LaLonde*



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR