

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

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 9, 2020, at 4:30 p.m.

Reported by Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.
By: Peggy S. LaLonde

Staff Present: Richard Morrisroe
Carla Morgan

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

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

MR. GOMEZ: First we have approval of minutes of the meeting of November 25, 2020 as written.

Motion to approve minutes of meeting of November 25, 2020, as written, made by William Allen. Second by Winna Guzman.

Questions/Comments: None

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

We have no correspondence, so we'll move on to New Business. First item is bid openings for Phase 4, Block Stadium, HVAC, plumbing - Public Works.

MR. ALLEN: We only have one bid and it's from Mechanical Concepts located at 750 County Line Road, Gary Indiana. So for bid package #1, for plumbing, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning. The base bid amount is \$165,129.00. Again, that was the only bid that we got. We'll submit a copy to Keith Selvie, which I assume he will give us a recommendation

1 for approval at the next Board of Works meeting.

2 MR. GOMEZ: Move on to second item, bid
3 opening for 2020 Phase 2, Board of Safety Demolition of
4 Unsafe Structures - Building Department.

5 MR. ALLEN: First bid from Actin, located
6 at 1102 East Columbus Drive, East Chicago, Indiana. For
7 Group 1: We have 3529 Guthrie, \$123,500; for 3764
8 Guthrie, \$15,675. For Group 2: 410 Prospect \$9,460;
9 412 Prospect \$9,460; 418 Prospect \$9,000; 420 Prospect
\$9,000; 405 Spring Street \$9,000; 407 Spring Street
\$9,460; 413 Spring Street \$8,200; 415 Spring Street
\$8,200; 509 School Street \$9,460; 511 School Street
\$9,460; 416 Riley Road \$9,400; 418 Riley Road \$9,400;
410 Park Street \$11,450. Total for all groups is
\$260,585.00.

Next we have D & R Site Services
10 located at 620 East 10th Place, Gary, Indiana. Group 1:
11 3529 Guthrie Avenue \$247,150; 3764 Guthrie \$15,150.
12 Group 2: 410 prospect Street \$6,500; 412 Prospect
13 \$6,500; 418 Prospect \$6,500; 420 Prospect, \$6,500. They
14 are all \$6,500 for the following addresses: 405 Spring
15 Street, 407 Spring Street, 413 Spring Street, 415 Spring
16 Street, 509 School Street, 511 School Street, 416 Riley
17 Road, 418 Riley Road. Again, that's \$6,500 for those
18 addresses. For 410 Park Street \$9,475. For the total
19 for all groups \$349,775.00.

20 Lastly, JM Industrial Services
21 located at 201 Marble Street, Hammond, Indiana. For
22 Group 1: 3529 Guthrie \$121,000; 3764 Guthrie, \$13,000.
23 For Group 2: 410 Prospect 6,000, 412 Prospect \$6,000,
24 418 Prospect \$5,500, 420 Prospect \$5,500, 405 Spring
25 Street \$6,000, 407 Spring Street \$6,000, 413 Spring
Street \$5,000, 415 Spring Street \$5,000, 509 School
Street \$6,000, 511 School Street \$6,000, 416 Riley Road
\$6,000, 418 Riley Road \$6,000, 410 Park Street \$8,000.
Total for all groups, \$211,000.00. That would be --
that's all the bids.

21 MR. PORTALATIN: Can I review them and
22 then make a recommendation?

23 MR. GOMEZ: It's a long meeting, you'll
24 probably have time if you want to -- if you're ready.

25 Next item is C & H Baseball, Block
Stadium - Public Works. This is 4 by 4 patio, labor and
installation, for total of \$15,700. Any questions or
comments on this proposal from C & H Baseball? (None)

1 I would entertain a motion to
2 approve C & H Baseball proposal for Block Stadium for
3 patio labor and installation, amount of \$15,700.00.

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 for Public Works 2021
10 rate table schedules. I will name the companies. After
11 conversation with Keith Selvie, these prices are the
12 same as preceding year. We have the rate table for Bug
13 Guy, pest control service agreement; Tonkovich Oil
14 Company, Inc., includes lubricants, no rates for
15 gasoline or diesel; CDE Collision Center; Chicago Tire,,
16 HECC Electric, equipment and labor; New Creation
17 Construction; STM Enterprises; Dream Builders of
18 America; Cremation Systems. These are all for Public
19 Works. Any questions or comments on these rate
20 schedules? (None)

21 Entertain a motion to approve the
22 aforementioned 2021 rate schedule tables for Public
23 Works.

24 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

25 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have from Public Works, East
Chicago Safety. This is a professional service
agreement renewal between the Sanitary District and the
Solid Waste Division. This is for support and
maintenance for the fueling system. Also provides
preventative maintenance. The amount of services will
be \$2,472 per month. Any questions or comments on this
proposal? (None)

Entertain a motion to approve East

1 Chicago Safety's proposal for support of system in
amount of \$2,472 a month.

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MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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MS. GUZMAN: Second.

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MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have Standard Equipment.

8 This is also for Public Works. We have preventative
maintenance agreements, and we have two. One is for
9 three sweepers and then next one is for 11 garbage
trucks. This is the preventative maintenance program.
10 There is a listing for each vehicle. I think they are
about the same for each vehicle, range of 1300 to 1378
11 for the garbage trucks. Sweepers are range of 2700.
Any questions or comments on this preventative
12 maintenance program with Standard Equipment? (None)

Entertain a motion to approve
13 Standard Equipment preventive maintenance agreement with
Public Works for 2021

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MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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MS. GUZMAN: Second.

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MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

Next we have from Atlas Toyota -- we
20 have three preventative maintenance agreements. This is
for the forklift, scissor lift, and floor scrubber. Any
21 questions or comments on these three preventative
maintenance agreements for Atlas Toyota? (None)

Entertain a motion to approve the
22 three Atlas Toyota Preventative Maintenance Agreements
for their listed equipment.

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MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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MS. GUZMAN: Second.

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1 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

4 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

5 Next we have Sportsfield agreement
6 proposal for fertilizer/weed control for 4 Lofton Fields
7 and two Kosciuszko Fields, in amount of \$14,425.00. We
8 also have from Sportsfield, the field maintenance for 4
9 Lopton Fields, two Kosciuszko Fields, Tod Field. And
10 this one is for \$11,280. And the third one is for field
11 maintenance at Block Stadium, and that's for \$15,750
12 annually. Any questions or comments on these three
13 proposals for Sportsfield for Public Works? (None)

14 Entertain a motion to approve the
15 three agreements for field maintenance and weed control
16 for Sportsfield for Public Works for the year 2021.

17 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

18 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

19 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

22 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

23 Next we have from Luke's Car Wash an
24 agreement. This is the same amount, \$4.00 per vehicle
25 for car wash for City vehicles. Same price we had for
2020. This is again for 2021. Terms are the same as
the previous year. Any questions on the car wash
agreement? (None)

Entertain a motion to approve Luke's
Car Wash agreement with the City of East Chicago in the
amount of \$4.00 per vehicle.

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.

1 Next we have ServiceScape for
2 Christmas lights from Special Events. This is a
3 professional service agreement. This is actually for
4 more Christmas ornaments for Special Events at the City
5 Hall and throughout the City, also to repair damage done
6 by squirrels and also for replacement of old ones
7 damaged from the previous year. And this amount is
8 \$45,905.79. Any questions or comments on this proposal?
9 (None)

10 Entertain a motion to approve --
11 this actually was submitted as an emergency. Special
12 Events asked if we could process it for the Mayor's
13 Office as an emergency to repair it for the holiday
14 season. No comments or questions, I'd entertain a
15 motion to approve the Christmas decor by ServiceScape in
16 the amount of \$45,905.79.

17 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

18 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

19 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

22 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

23 Next we have Fire Department. We
24 have several service agreements. First one is Five
25 Alarm, this is for their rescue tools, for inspection
and maintenance program 2021. They have the rate
schedule. We also have their Master Fire Extinguisher
Service & Sales rate schedule for 2021. We have
Hastings Air Energy Control, Inc., this is for
preventive maintenance program for their emergency
vehicle exhaust system. We have their pest control
service agreement with The Bug Guy. We have Miner
Electronics. This is their service agreement for their
portable radios. And we have also their quote for
maintenance of their breathing system. This is in two
parts. They have it in their June quote, and June and
July quotes, which are the same.

 I spoke to the Fire Chief and he
said these rates are the same as the previous rate
schedules from last year, and he's in agreement with the
proposal and the rate schedules. Any questions or
comments? (None)

 Entertain a motion to approve the
rate schedules submitted by the Fire Department for

1 2021, the aforementioned rates.

2 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

3 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

4 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

7 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

8 Next we have 4833 Alexander, notice
9 of emergency order for demolition. I have a letter from
10 Building Department, Notice of Emergency for JM
11 Industrial Services for Notice to Proceed for 4833
12 Alexander and the Notice to Proceed for 4835 Alexander,
13 which we approved before. Are there any questions or
14 comments on the Notice to Proceed? (None)

15 Entertain a motion to approve the
16 emergency notice for demolition for JM Industrial
17 Services 4833 Alexander and 4835 Alexander.

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 I will entertain a motion to approve
25 Notice to Proceed for 4833 Alexander and 4835 Alexander
with JM Industrial Services.

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.

We have some outstanding invoices.
First one is from Building Department for Calumet Waste.

1 We have six invoices from 6/20/20 to 9/28/20 for total
2 of \$47,736.00. Explanation from Building Department was
3 that they were seeking additional funding and was not
4 available at the time of the invoice, so they had to do
5 transfers to be able to pay it. Any questions or
6 comments? (None)

7 Entertain a motion to approve
8 Calumet Waste, payment for late invoices in the amount
9 of \$47,736.

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

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16 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

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18 Next we have D & R Site Services,
19 also from Building Department. We have one invoice
20 dated 7/8/2019, amount of \$2,700. Their explanation was
21 the structure demolished at 1813 Broadway, 80 percent of
22 invoice was paid. Final inspection did not pass due to
23 the sod. The Building Department was just waiting for
24 sod installation. Any questions or comments on this
25 late invoice? (None)

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27 Entertain a motion to approve D & R
28 Site Services invoice with Building Department in the
29 amount of \$2,700.

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31 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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33 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

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35 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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40 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

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42 Next we have Gariup, Engineering.
43 One invoice dated 9/30/2020, in amount of \$148,510.23.
44 Explanation, they did not receive the invoice on time,
45 however the final EEOC figures had to be determined
46 prior to processing payment, liquidation of damages had
47 to be finalized and invoice should be processed. Any
48 questions or comments? (None)

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1 Entertain a motion to approve the
late invoice from Gariup, amount of \$148,510.23.

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MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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MS. GUZMAN: Second.

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MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

7 Next we have late invoice also from
8 Engineering, to Hasse Construction. Invoice dated
2/20/20 in the amount \$5,510.10. Explanation, invoice
9 was received on 12/2/2020 and contractor inquired. The
services had been rendered and invoice should be
10 processed. Invoice submitted on time to the engineer
and we no longer have a contract to work with him. Any
11 questions or comments on this late invoice? (None)

12 Entertain a motion to approve Hasse
Construction late invoice for payment of \$5,510.10.

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MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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MS. GUZMAN: Second.

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MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

18 Next we have -- also from
Engineering -- Commonwealth Engineers, Inc., two late
19 invoices, both dated 8/26/20. Total amount of
\$7,092.89. Engineering Department received invoices on
20 12/8/2020 and contractor required payment. Services
have been rendered and invoice should be processed.
21 Invoice was submitted to wrong address. Any questions
or comments? (None)

22 Entertain a motion to approve the
late payment for late invoice to Commonwealth Engineers,
23 in the amount of \$7,092.89.

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MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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MS. GUZMAN: Second.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

4 Next we have late invoice also from
5 Engineering, Hasse Construction. Two late invoices
6 dated -- both dated 9/4/20, total of \$57,788.99.
7 Explanation from Engineering Department, received
8 invoice on 12/01/2020 and contractor was requiring
9 payment. Services have been rendered. Any questions or
10 comments on this late invoice? (None)

11 Entertain a motion to approve Hasse
12 Construction late invoice for Engineering.

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

13

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

14 Next is Tonkovich Oil, Inc., we have
15 City of East Chicago contract of 2021, came from the Law
16 Department. We have their rates for gasoline, the
17 product specifications, gasoline was a different
18 octane, and diesel fuel, wholesale cost per gallon. Is
19 this similar to last year's?

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20 MS. MORGAN: The key thing is the markup,
21 I believe, of .107 per gallon -- 109 per gallon.

22 MR. GOMEZ: That's the only difference,
23 the markup?

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24 MS. MORGAN: Yes. They have been
25 consistent with their markup.

26 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on
27 the City of East Chicago fuel supply contractor,
28 Tonkovich Oil? (None)

29 Entertain a motion to approve City
30 of East Chicago fuel contract with Tonkovich Oil
31 Company, Inc., for the year 2021.

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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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

6 Next we have contract for legal
7 services between the City of East Chicago and Attorney
Dawn Dawkins. This a contract between the Law
8 Department and Attorney Dawkins, for legal services. I
believe it's similar to last year's. The rates of
9 \$125.00 per hour for non-litigation and \$150 per hour
for services performed in connection with matters in
10 litigation. And there is a not-to-exceed amount of
\$50,000. Are there any questions or comments on the
contract for Attorney Dawn Dawkins? (None)

11 Entertain a motion to approve the
12 contract between the City of East Chicago and Attorney
Dawn Dawkins for the year 2021.

13 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

14 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

15 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

18 Next we have a similar contract for
19 Tolbert & Tolbert. Contract to provide assistance to
City attorney and corporation counsel. And their rates
20 are \$170 per hour, \$100 per hour paralegal, \$70 for
legal clerk. The sum not to exceed \$60,000 without
prior authorization. Any questions or comments? (None)

21 Entertain a motion to approve
22 the contract between City of East Chicago and Tolbert &
Tolbert for the year 2021.

23 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

24 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

25 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

3 Next we have attorney employment
4 contract with Carla Morgan for 2021. This is our City
Attorney, the rates are \$125 per hour, out of pocket
5 expenses not-to-exceed \$130,000 per year 2021. Any
6 questions or comments on agreement -- employment
contract between Carla Morgan and the City of East
Chicago for 2021? (None)

7 Entertain a motion to approve
employment contract between Attorney Carla Morgan and
the City of East Chicago for 2021.

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MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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MS. GUZMAN: Second.

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MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

14 Next we have the contract for City
of East Chicago and Smith Sersic Law Firm for the year
2021. These are legal services provided for the support
15 and completion of statutory requirements for properties
for the City. Rates are \$125 per hour attorney, \$80 for
16 staff time. This is for total services from
January 2021 through December 31, 2021, shall not exceed
17 \$25,000. Also Legal for Port Authority at a rate of
\$125 per hour billed to the Port Authority. Any
18 questions or comments on this agreement? (None)

19 Entertain a motion to approve
contract for legal services between the City of East
Chicago and Attorneys Smith and Sersic for the year
20 2021.

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MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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MS. GUZMAN: Second.

23

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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1 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

2 Next we have contract for
3 professional services between the City of East Chicago
4 and Richard Morrisroe for 2021. Rates for professional
5 services on the contract, planning, non-litigation
6 services and general services invoiced monthly at the
7 rate of \$50.00 per hour. Litigation services, Attorney
8 Morrisroe shall be invoiced at the rate of \$125.00. And
9 shall not exceed the amount of \$65,000 without prior
10 authorization from the City Law Department and Board of
11 Public Works. Any questions or comments? (None)

12 Entertain a motion to approve
13 employment contract between the City of East Chicago and
14 Richard Morrisroe, contract for professional services.

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16 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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18 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

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20 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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25 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

26 Next we have contract for
27 professional services between City of East Chicago and
28 Teresa Gueyser. This is for community relations, public
29 relations, public outreach, general services; invoiced
30 at monthly \$75.00 per hour. Legal litigation services
31 will be invoiced at the rate of \$125.00 per hour.
32 Professional services performed under this contract for
33 January 2021 to December 2021, and should not exceed
34 \$70,000 without prior written authorization from the
35 City Law Department. Any questions or comments on this
36 agreement? (None)

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38 Entertain a motion to approve
39 professional contract between the City of East Chicago
40 and Attorney Teresa Gueyser for 2021.

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42 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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44 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

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46 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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1 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

2 Next we come to contract for legal
3 services between the City of East Chicago and Attorney
4 Darnail Lyles for the year 2021. Attorney Lyles legal
5 services on contract at a monthly rate of \$178.00 per
hour, should not exceed \$75,000. And this is extended
by the Board of Public Works and the Law Department.
Any questions or comments on Attorney Lyles contract for
2021? (None)

6 Entertain a motion to approve
7 contract for legal services between City of East Chicago
and Attorney Darnail Lyles for year 2021.

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 contract of City of
15 East Chicago and Attorney Jewell Harris, Jr., for legal
16 services for 2021. Services shall be invoiced monthly
17 at \$150.00 per hour for non-litigation and then \$60,00
18 per hour for services performed in connection with
19 matters of litigation. This shows employee instrumental
20 for legal services, and an amount not-to-exceed is
21 \$60,000. Any questions or comments on Attorney Jewell
22 Harris, Jr.'s contract for 2,021? (None)

23 Entertain a motion to approve
24 contract between the City of East Chicago and Attorney
25 Harris for the year 2021.

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 contract for legal
services between the City of East Chicago and the Law
Office of Shana Levinson for 2021. There are two

1 agreements. The first one is for work with East Chicago
2 Police Merit Commission. Under this agreement the rate
3 would be \$125.00 per hour for non-litigation and \$150.00
4 an hour for services provided in matters of litigation,
amount to not exceed \$25,000. Any questions or comments
on Attorney Levinson's contract with the Police Merit
Commission? (None)

Entertain a motion to approve
5 contract for legal services between the City of East
6 Chicago and Attorney Levinson in relation to the Police
Merit Commission for 2021.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

12 Next we have contract for City of
13 East Chicago and Attorney Levinson for legal services
14 for 2021, non-litigation services, amount of \$125.00
15 per hour, \$150.00 for services performed in matters of
16 litigation. Also an amount not-to-exceed \$25,000. Any
questions or comments on this agreement? (None)

Entertain a motion to approve the
contract between City of East Chicago and Law Offices of
Shana Levinson, for legal services for 2021.

17 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

18 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

19 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

22 Next we have attorney employment
23 contract for Joseph P. Allegretti. This contract calls
24 for compensation rate of \$150.00 per hour, plus out of
pocket expenses asked by the attorney not-to-exceed
\$50,000 per year. Any questions or comments? (None)

Entertain a motion to approve the
25 contract between Attorney Allegretti and City of East

1 Chicago for year 2021.

2 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

3 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

4 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

6 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

7 Next we have consulting contract to
8 City of East Chicago with JM Bennett & Associates. This
9 contract, Mr. Bennett is the financial officer to the
10 Mayor's Office. As a consultant provides professional
11 services and performs certain tasks on behalf of the
12 City of East Chicago. His contract is the same as the
13 previous year. It's for the amount of \$150.00 per hour
14 and not-to-exceed \$130,000 for year 2021, January to
15 December. Any questions or comments? (None)

12 Entertain a motion to approve
13 consultant contract with the City of East Chicago and JM
14 Bennett for the year 2021.

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 come to Resolution 2020-44.
20 This is for the transfer of property at 3603 Ivy to
21 Redevelopment Department. (Resolution read into
22 record.) Are there any questions or comments on the
23 Resolution 2020-44? (None)

21 Entertain a motion to adopt
22 Resolution 2020-44, transfer of property from the City
23 of East Chicago to the Department of Redevelopment.

23 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

24 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

25 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

3 Next we have Resolution 2020-45.
4 This resolution deals with Public Works declaring
5 surplus or obsolete certain equipment from the Public
Works Department. (Resolution read into the record.)
6 Any questions or comments on Resolution 2020-45? (None)

7 Entertain a motion to approve
8 Resolution 2020-45, declaring surplus and obsolete
9 certain equipment from the Public Works Department.

10

MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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MS. GUZMAN: Second.

12

MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

14

MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

15 Next we have two items from Planning
16 Department. We have compliance checks for
17 disbursements. I would like to table this item. The
18 reason I'd like to table it, it takes two votes. One, I
19 didn't -- Controller's Office did not receive prior
20 advanced notice on this. And when I checked into how we
are handling this, the check disbursements were actually
-- we are not doing it the way it is prescribed here.
So I'd like to get a little more information, which may
involve meeting with Mr. Bennett, the Mayor's financial
adviser, and the Engineering Department because they had
been involved in these disbursements and they have more
knowledge. Until we get more information on what should
be the proper way, I'd like to table this till the next
meeting.

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22 Next item is compliance report for
23 Phase 3. This is Block Stadium improvement, Phase 3.
24 And as of this report liquidated damages are total of
25 \$55,665.77. As per our guidelines, no motion is
required. This is just information we put on the record
from the Board of Works.

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27 Next we have Granite Inliner, LLC,
28 emergency sewer lining repair for Roxana, from the
29 Engineering Department.

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1 MR. ALLEN: We would like to move forward
2 with Granite Inliner to perform the lining procedure for
3 one of our sewers that supplies the Roxana area. That's
4 approximately 620 linear feet of eight-inch sewer pipe.
5 Right now it's to the point where it is going to be
6 beyond repair. This will help preserve the pipe that
7 again serves the Roxana community. We did receive a
8 second quote from Century Reform in the amount of
9 \$69,840. However, upon our research, we found that
10 Granite seemed to be more knowledgeable, have more
11 experience, and they did have a more comprehensive
12 proposal. We just have a higher comfort level going
13 with Granite, in the amount of \$83,040.

8 MR. GOMEZ: This is considered an
9 emergency?

10 MR. ALLEN: Yes.

11 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?
12 (None) Entertain a motion to approve proposal between
13 the City of East Chicago and Granite Inliner LLC for the
14 Shell Street sewer in the amount of \$83,040.00.

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 First Group
20 Engineering, Roxana Neighborhood Storm and Sanitary
21 Analysis. This is also Engineering.

22 MR. ALLEN: This is to perform various
23 design services. First Group will be conducting a field
24 survey, storm drainage model. They will also create a
25 model for sanitary drainage system, as well as provide
26 bid documentation and construction inspection for
27 not-to-exceed amount of \$357,590.00.

24 MR. GOMEZ: Is this also considered an
25 emergency?

25 MR. ALLEN: Well, yeah. It's considered

1 -- well, not an emergency, but it's an important project
2 that we have already acquired the funding from the
3 Common Council. We haven't started on this yet. This
4 is our proposal to begin.

5 MR. GOMEZ: I mean I'm just -- from the
6 controller standpoint -- is there any work going to be
7 done in December?

8 MR. ALLEN: They are going to be working
9 now into 2021.

10 MR. GOMEZ: We'll consider it an
11 emergency so we can process anything that they might
12 invoice us.

13 MR. ALLEN: Okay.

14 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or
15 comments on First Group Engineering proposal? (None)
16 Entertain a motion to approve First
17 Group Engineering Proposal for Roxana project.

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 AMG Construction,
25 Change Order #1 for 3724 Main Street. This is also from
Engineering.

MR. ALLEN: For the Galleria project,
this is to install new metal doors at the rear of the
building, as well as create a frame to cover some of the
arches, also in the rear of the building. Total amount
\$4,600.00.

MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on
the proposal for AMG for 3724 Main Street? (None)

Entertain a motion to approve AMG
Construction proposal for 3724 Main Street, in the
amount of \$4,600.00.

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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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

6 Next, Hasse, Guthrie Street Change
Order #18, for 3724 Main Street. Also from Engineering.

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8 MR. ALLEN: This is to install 12 new
wooden poles to have the cable relocated in the area
from Main Street all the way to Michigan. This goes
9 with the reconstruction of the job. Grand total amount
is \$19,536.00.

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11 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments on
Change Order #18? (None)

12 Entertain a motion to approve
Hasse's proposal for Guthrie Street, Change Order 18, in
the amount of \$19,536.00

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MR. ALLEN: So moved.

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MS. GUZMAN: Second.

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MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

19 Next we have from Midwestern
Electric their 2021 rate schedule, from Engineering.

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21 MR. ALLEN: This is our rate schedule for
their maintenance services for our lights throughout
East Chicago. They are a little bit higher than the
previous year, but we are still satisfied with their
22 work.

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24 MR. GOMEZ: You do get rate schedules
from the other companies too?

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MR. ALLEN: And they have -- theirs have
gone up a little bit as well.

1 MR. GOMEZ: Any other questions or
comments on Midwestern Electric rate schedule for 2021?
2 (None)

3 Entertain a motion to approve
Midwestern Electric rate schedule with our Engineering
Department for the year 2021.

4 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

5 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

6 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

9 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

10 Next we have right-of-way
applications. City of East Chicago, Board of Public
Works permit applications number 20-03695 to 20-03726.
11 Any questions or comments on these applications? (None)

12 Entertain a motion to approve
right-of-way applications 20-03695 through 20-03726.

13 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

14 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

15 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

17 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

18 James, you have something now that
you've had time to review the bids?

19 MR. PORTALATIN: James Portalatin, East
20 Chicago Building Commissioner. In reviewing the bids,
the lowest, most responsive bidder was JM Industrial
21 Services for all the properties. Do you want me to go
through the properties?

22 MR. GOMEZ: No, we entered that in the
23 record when we opened the bid.

24 MR. PORTALATIN: The total amount is
\$211,000.00.

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1 MR. GOMEZ: Any questions or comments?

2 MR. PORTALATIN: This would be subject to
financing.

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4 MR. GOMEZ: Is this to start this year or
next year?

5 MR. PORTALATIN: Some of them, if we can
attempt to do it this year; yes.

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7 MR. GOMEZ: You'll have to see Mr.
Bennett tomorrow.

8 MR. PORTALATIN: Yes, I will.

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

10 Entertain a motion to approve
11 Building Department's recommendation for JM Industrial
Services for the amount of \$211,000.00.

12 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

13 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

14 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

16 MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.

17 Next meeting we will have a Special
18 meeting because it won't be on our customary Wednesday
because of the holidays. It will be Tuesday,
19 December 22, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. Any questions or
comments on the special change of the date? (None)

20 That concludes our business for
tonight. Entertain a motion for adjournment.

21 MR. ALLEN: So moved.

22 MS. GUZMAN: Second.

23 MR. GOMEZ: Roll call.

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

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MR. GOMEZ: Motion carries.
Meeting adjourned.

**** Meeting Adjourned at 5:30 p.m.****

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of
December 9, 2020
Approved and Signed December 9, 2020.

Val Gomez, President

William Allen, Vice President

Winna Guzman

Olga Cosme, Secretary

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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 15th day of December, 2020.

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