

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
Tuesday, January 28, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS:

Anthony Serna, President  
Rick Rodriguez, Vice President  
Valda Lewis, Secretary  
Gilberto Cantu  
Eugene Austin

STAFF:

Courtnee Dinkins  
Dawn Dawkins-Legal  
Mayra Acosta, Dir.

Reported by: Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR  
Fissinger & Associates

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Anthony Serna, Rick Rodriguez,  
Valda Lewis, Eugene Austin,  
Gilberto Cantu

Staff Present: Courtnee Dinkins, Recording Secretary  
Dawn Dawkins, Legal Council

MR. SERNA: We'll move to Administrative  
Matters; First is approval of January 14, 2020 meeting  
minutes. Entertain a motion to approve those minutes.

Motion to approve January 14, 2020 meeting minutes made  
by Gilberto Cantu. Second by Eugene Austin.

MR. SERNA: All in favor signify by  
saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

Next, we have approval of the  
payroll dated January 24, 2020. Entertain a motion to  
approve the payroll.

Motion to approve payroll dated January 24, 2020 made by  
Valda Lewis. Second by Eugene Austin.

MR. SERNA: All in favor signify by  
saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

Next we have approval of Warrant

1 Report 012820 PB, in the amount of \$9,241.47. Entertain  
a motion to approve warrant report.

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3 Motion approve Warrant Report 012820PB made by Gilberto  
Cantu. Second by Valda Lewis.

4 MR. SERNA: All in favor signify by  
saying aye?

5 (All signify aye.)

6 MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

7 Next, Old business. We have nothing  
under Old Business.

8 Move on to New Business. Mayra did  
send an e-mail that she would not be here. Amy should  
be here in her place.

9 First item on the agenda is a quote  
from Ameristar Casino for the Senior Christmas Party.  
The cost -- let the record show that Rick Rodriguez and  
10 Attorney Dawkins are in attendance at this point -- The  
amount is \$16,992. This is for the Senior Christmas  
11 Party. So are there any questions on this?

12 Motion to approve quote of Ameristar Casino for Senior  
Christmas Party made by Gilberto Cantu. Second by  
13 Eugene Austin.

14 MR. SERNA: All in favor signify by  
saying aye?

15 (All signify aye.)

16 MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

17 Next, we have rates, RSI school bus  
rental for the Stars Summer Program. RSI will be  
providing the bus rental to transport the children for  
the Stars Summer Program. Here in the letter it says  
18 that they charge hourly, \$75.00, with four-hour minimum.  
So this would be the rate schedule for RSI for the  
19 summer program. Are there any questions on this?

20 Motion to approve rates from RSI for school bus rental  
for the Stars Summer Program made by Gilberto Cantu.  
21 Second by Rick Rodriguez.

22 MR. SERNA: All in favor signify by  
saying aye?

23 (All signify aye.)

24 MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

25 Next, we have an invoice for the  
Human Snow Globe Rental. The invoice is for \$2,625.00  
for the event. The order was placed on January 8, 2020.

1 So this would have an event dated of December 3rd  
2 through December 4th, 2020. So this would be for our  
3 Christmas event that we have here, that we just had at  
4 the community center, Heritage Hall, for the upcoming  
5 year 2020. Are there any questions on the cost here,  
6 for the human snow globe? I would entertain a motion to  
7 approve the payment for AMJ Spectacular, in the amount  
8 of \$2,625.00.

9 Motion to approve invoice for Human Snow Globe for  
10 December 3rd and 4th, 2020 made by Valda Lewis. Second  
11 by Rick Rodriguez.

12 MR. SERNA: All in favor signify by  
13 saying aye?

14 (All signify aye.)

15 MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

16 Next, we have the rates for Bus Bank  
17 Motorcoach and School Bus transportation rates for the  
18 City of East Chicago. These transportation rates for  
19 Bus Bank are for the transportation for our events, the  
20 various events that are done throughout the City and  
21 also on behalf of the Park Board. We have two rate  
22 schedules here with Bus Bank. One is for a motorcoach,  
23 in the amount of 1,070 up to five hours, with \$125.00  
24 for each additional hour. School bus with Bus Bank is  
25 \$470.00 for up to four hours, with \$95.00 for each  
additional hour. This is the rate schedule for the  
events needed where Parks and Rec need a bus. Any  
questions?

Motion to approve rate schedule for Bus Bank made by  
Gilberto Cantu. Second by Rick Rodriguez.

MR. SERNA: All in favor signify by  
saying aye?

(All signify aye.)

MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

Next, we have an Agreement between  
BBI for the MacArthur Golf Course Event. The Agreement  
is dated January 21st, between BBI and the City of East  
Chicago Parks and Rec. This is for the MacArthur Golf  
Course event, on Friday, July 10th. The artist shall  
give three musical performances of 50 minutes to  
one hour, commencing at 5:00 p.m. The agreement  
contract amount is for \$2500 and this is for event that  
is going to be held on July 10th, at the golf course.  
Any questions?

1 Motion to approve Agreement with BBI for MacArthur Gold  
2 Course Event, held on July 10th, made by Gilberto Cantu.  
3 Second by Rick Rodriguez.

4 MR. SERNA: All in favor signify by  
5 saying aye?

6 (All signify aye.)

7 MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

8 Next, we have a late invoice, past  
9 due invoice. This invoice here is for Fissinger for  
10 invoice dated 10/24/2019. This is for a Board meeting,  
11 a Park Board meeting. This is a late invoice.

12 Once again, when they are beyond  
13 60 days, they have to come before the Park Board. This  
14 is for work that was done by our court reporter for  
15 Fissinger & Associates, in the amount of \$269.60.

16 Motion to approve invoice of Fissinger & Associates made  
17 by Gilberto Cantu. Second by Rick Rodriguez.

18 MR. SERNA: All in favor signify by  
19 saying aye?

20 (All signify aye.)

21 MR. SERNA: Motion carries.

22 Finally, we have -- before we get to  
23 public comments, just an FYI. A letter was sent to the  
24 Mayor in regards to the mulch. I think we talked about  
25 that at our last Board meeting. We did get out -- our  
Board Secretary, Courtnee, got out a letter and you have  
a copy of that letter that was sent to the Mayor's  
office in regard to mulch. That's just for your  
information. You can see that letter was sent out on  
January 23rd.

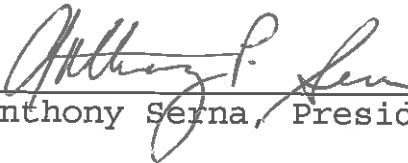
MS. DINKINS: I do have an update on that  
letter. So on Thursday, January 23rd, I received a  
phone call from Mayor Copeland in regards to the Board's  
request for the red mulch. Although he agreed the red  
mulch is better looking, the red mulch contains a  
chemical that adversely affects the trees. The Mayor  
said it's actually killing them. A study was conducted  
and he stated that the Director of Public Works would  
provide that for our review.

MR. SERNA: So the coloring of the dye of  
the mulch was killing the trees. They have to stay with  
the color they have. They can't go to red because of  
that. Thank you very much, Courtnee.

Our next -- Public Comments. Any

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Tuesday  
January 28, 2020

Approved and signed February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

  
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Anthony Serna, President

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Rick Rodriguez, Vice-President

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Valda Lewis, Secretary

  
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Gilberto Cantu, Member

  
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1 Public Comments? (None)

2 Our next meeting date is Tuesday,  
3 February 11th, right here at City Hall Council Chambers,  
4 at 5:00 p.m.

5 I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

6 Motion to adjourn meeting made by Rick Rodriguez.  
7 Second by Eugene Austin.

8 MR. SERNA: All in favor signify by  
9 saying aye?

10 (All signify aye.)

11 MR. SERNA: Motion carries.  
12 Meeting adjourned.

13 \*\*\*\*\* Meeting Adjourned \*\*\*\*\*  
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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 30th day of January, 2020.

*Peggy S. LaLonde*



Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR

