

1 CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
2 BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS

3 BOARD MEMBERS

4 Miguel (Mike) Rivera, President  
5 Anthony Galindo, Vice-President  
6 Tia Cauley, Member  
7 Loreto Gonzales, Member  
8 Alojzy (Ben) Moricz, Member

9 Regular Meeting Minutes

10 Wednesday, July 3, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.

11 Reporter for Fissinger & Associates, Ltd  
12 By: Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR

13 Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

14 Pledge of Allegiance:

15 Roll Call: Present: Miguel Rivera  
16 Tia Cauley  
17 Loreto Gonzales  
18 Ben Moricz

19 Also Present: Anthony Herrera  
20 Bill Biller  
21 Anthony DeBonis  
22 Dr. Abdul Zehraoui

23 MR. RIVERA: Do I have a motion to  
24 approve minutes of June 20, 2019?  
25 Motion to approve minutes of June 20, 2019 made by Ben  
Moricz. Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

Comments/Questions: None

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
Opposed: None Motion carries.

MR. RIVERA: Check Warrants for Sanitary  
District, Wastewater Division.

WARRANT - 070391 SW - \$95,718.07

Motion to approve Warrant 070319SW, in the amount of  
\$95,718.07 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Ben

1 Moricz.

2 Comments/Questions: None

3 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
4 Opposed: None Motion carries.

5 WARRANT - 062819 Sanitary Board Payroll

6 06-08-19 to 06-21-19

7 Motion to approve Warrant 062819, Sanitary Board  
8 Payroll, dates of 06-08-19 to 06-21-19 made by Loreto  
9 Gonzalez. Second by Ben Moricz.

10 Comments/Questions: None

11 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
12 Opposed: None Motion carries.

13 WARRANT - 062819 - Utilities Board Payroll

14 06-08-19 to 06-21-19

15 Motion to approve Warrant 062819, Utilities Board  
16 Payroll, for dates of 06-08-19 to 06-21-19 made by Tia  
17 Cauley. Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

18 Comments/Questions: None

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

21 WARRANT - 0628019 - Wastewater Payroll

22 06-08-19 to 06-21-19

23 Motion to approve Warrant 062819, Utilities Payroll, for  
24 dates of 06-08-19 to 06-21-19 made by Loreto Gonzalez.  
25 Second by Ben Moricz.

Comments/Questions: None

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
Opposed: None Motion carries.

MR. RIVERA: Check Warrants for Sanitary

District, Solid Waste Division.

WARRANT - 070391 SS - \$133,873.15

Motion to approve Warrant 070319SS, in the amount of

1 \$133,873.15 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Ben  
Moricz.

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Comments/Questions: None

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

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Opposed: None Motion carries.

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WARRANT - 0628019 - Solids Payroll

06-08-19 to 06-21-19

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Motion to approve Warrant 062819, Solids Payroll, for  
7 dates of 06-08-19 to 06-21-19 made by Loreto Gonzalez.  
Second by Tia Cauley.

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Comments/Questions: None

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

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Opposed: None Motion carries.

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WASTEWATER DIVISION: No Report.

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UTILITY DIVISION: No Report.

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FIELD OPERATIONS: No Report.

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SOLID WASTE: No Report.

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FINANCIAL CONSULTANT: No Report.

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MR. RIVERA: New business. We have a  
purchase order, Griffin Supply, emergency service with  
17 the scope of work needed to retrofit two new pumps into  
the system, for the amount of \$1,014.88.

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Motion to approve emergency services from Griffin Supply  
19 in the amount of \$1,014.88 made by Tia Cauley. Second  
by Loreto Gonzalez.

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Comments/Questions: None

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

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Opposed: None Motion carries.

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MR. RIVERA: Next is USA Bluebook, for  
emergency services for Sanitary, in the amount of  
24 \$11,537.37.

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Motion to approve USA Bluebook invoice for \$11,537.27

1 for emergency services made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second  
by Ben Moricz.

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3 Comments/Questions: None

4 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
Opposed: None Motion carries.

5 MR. RIVERA: Eesco Englewood, quote of  
\$3,574.38 for emergency services, Sanitary District.

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7 Motion to approve Eesco Englewood quote for Sanitary  
District by Tia Cauley. Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

8 Comments/Questions: None

9 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
Opposed: None Motion carries.

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11 MR. RIVERA: Next item is also purchase  
order for emergency services, from Kones & Cranes, in  
the amount of \$600.00. It says here the scope of work  
12 is emergency service and repair of radio system  
inspection.

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14 Motion to approve Kones & Cranes invoice in the amount  
of \$600.00 made by Loreto Gonzalez. Second by Ben  
Moricz.

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16 Comments/Questions: None

17 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
Opposed: None Motion carries.

18 MR. RIVERA: Past due invoice from Airgas  
in the amount of \$725. It states here the delinquency  
reason is misplaced invoice.

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20 Motion to approve invoice from Airgas in the amount of  
\$725.00 made by Tia Cauley. Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

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22 Comments/Questions: None

23 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
Opposed: None Motion carries.

24 MR. RIVERA: Next item is also a past due  
invoice from Butler, Fairman & Seufert, actually two  
25 invoices. One is for \$7,965 and the other one for

1 \$15,930, which equals the amount of \$23,895. Delinquency  
reason is they were on hold per Dr. Abdul Zehraoui.

2 Motion to approve invoice to Butler, Fairman & Seufert,  
3 in the amount of \$23,895 made by Tia Cauley. Second by  
Loreta Gonzalez.

4 Comments/Questions: None

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

7 MR. RIVERA: Resolution SD 19-08,  
8 resolution adjusting the salary and wage schedule for  
the employees of the City of East Chicago, Utility  
9 Division.

10 Comments/Questions:

11 MS. CAULEY: This is for Mr. Biller. Is  
this for new employees or the existing employees?

12 MR. BILLER: Resolution 19-08 is for  
13 existing employees actually being transferred from Water  
Operations over to the Utilities Fund.

14 MS. CAULEY: Okay. Thank you.  
15 Motion to approve Resolution SD 19-08 made by Tia  
Cauley. Second by Loreto Gonzalez.

16 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
17 Opposed: None Motion carries.

18 MR. RIVERA: Mr. DeBonis?

19 MR. DeBONIS: I think I told you the last  
20 few weeks that we are preparing -- this is the year we  
are considering raising rates in the normal course, and  
21 will not be a major rate increase, we hope. There is a  
cost of service study going on and one of the things  
22 that we will support is borrowing to finish the long  
term control plan project. I think I explained that  
last time.

23 On June 14th, the preliminary  
24 engineering report, which is basically the application  
for State Revolving Fund Loan, was filed and we expect  
to hear whether it will be granted in the next 60 days.  
25 We are confident that it will be.

1                   We are going to open negotiations  
2 with Safety Clean on resolving some long standing issues  
3 and we are going to revisit our local limit for cyanid.  
4 This created a lot of problems because it's much higher.  
5 It's a limit that's much more restrictive in other  
6 communities. And frankly, it's in a situation where it  
7 cannot be met and cannot be enforced. We are going to  
8 open negotiations on that shortly.

9                   Those are the only things I have to  
10 report on right now. I'd be glad to take any questions.  
11 I would wish you all a happy Independence Day and  
12 hopefully we won't get rained on.

13                   MS. CAULEY: You too.

14                   MR. RIVERA: Do we have any unfinished  
15 business?

16                   MS. CAULEY: This is for Anthony. Can  
17 you make sure we get our Board packets earlier? We  
18 don't want these Board packets the night before, so they  
19 better figure it out.

20                   MR. HERRERA: Can you please give me a  
21 timeframe, like the Monday before?

22                   MS. CAULEY: That would be fine, just not  
23 the night before. And also, Dr. Zehraoui, I was waiting  
24 on you. We are getting our Board packets later and  
25 later. It's not good. We need the Board packets  
earlier, at least 2, 3 days earlier.

DR. ZEHRAOUI: It was urgency.

MS. CAULEY: Whether it's urgency or not,  
from now on if we don't have the items ahead of time, it  
will be tabled, no exceptions -- that's for the  
record -- just so you understand.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MR. RIVERA: Next meeting date, July 18,  
2019, 4:30 p.m., East Chicago City Hall Council  
Chambers.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Tia Cauley. Second by  
Loreto Gonzalez.

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

1 Opposed: None Motion carries.

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\*\*\*\*\* Meeting adjourned \*\*\*\*\*

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Wednesday

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July 3, 2019

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Approved and signed \_\_\_\_\_

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Miguel Rivera, President

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Anthony Galindo, Vice-President

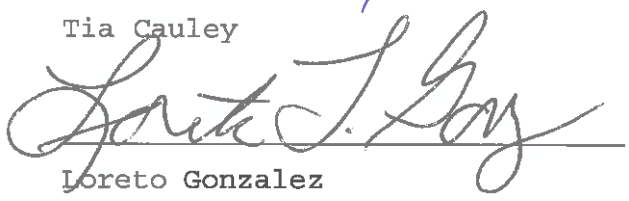
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C E R T I F I C A T E

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 9th day of July, 2019.

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Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR, RPR